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THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons convened, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, and the resolution of the last session, at Masonic Hall, in the City of Detroit, on the second Wednesday in January, (14th,) A. L. 5863.

PRESENT:

M. W. F. DARROW,	GRAND MASTER.
R. W. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,	DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
W. F. CARLISLE,	SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" MICHAEL AYERS,	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
" REV. D. B. TRACY,	as GRAND CHAPLAIN.
" WILLIAM BARCLAY,	GRAND ARCHITECT.
" JAMES FENTON,	GRAND SECRETARY.
" R. W. LANDON,	GRAND TREASURER.
" S. BLANCHARD,	GR'D VISITOR AND LECTURER.
" GEO. W. WILSON,	SENIOR GRAND DEACON.
" T. H. TRACY,	JUNIOR GRAND DEACON.
" JOHN S. JUDSON,	GRAND MARSHAL.
" R. B. PIPER,	GRAND SWORD BEARER.
" E. P. WORDEN,	GRAND PURSUIVANT.
CHARLES D. HOWARD,	GRAND STEWARD AND TILER.

At high twelve, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order.

Solemn prayer was offered up by the Rev. D. B. TRACY, as Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Brothers OLIVER BOURKE, D. A. WRIGHT, and JOHN N. GOTT, a Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lodges represented, and the following brethren members of the Grand Lodge, and in attendance, to wit :

- No. 1—*Zion*, G. B. NOBLE, W. M.; H. R. JOHNSON, S. W.; E. G. ALLEN, J. W.
- No. 2—*Detroit*, OLIVER BOURKE, W. M.; W. C. COLBORN, S. W.; W. F. MOORE, J. W.; W. BARCLAY, last P. M.; LEVI COOK, P. G. M.; H. T. BACKUS, P. G. M.
- No. 3—*Union of S. Observance*, JOHN P. FISKE, W. M.; O. B. DIBBLE, Rep. S. W.; E. LAFAVOUR, J. W.; JAMES FENTON, last P. M.
- No. 4—*St. Joseph Valley*, THEODOR G. BEAVER, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 5—*Rochester*, J. V. LAMBERTSON, M. and Rep.
- No. 6—*Mt. Clemens*, H. CARTER, Rep. W. M.; T. TRAVIS, Rep. S. W.; W. LONGSTAFF, Rep. J. W.
- No. 7—*Washington*, ALVAH D. ELDRED, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 8—*Trenton*, A. MCILHINNEY, W. M.; GEO. B. COVILLE, S. W.; L. H. FARNSWORTH, J. W.
- No. 9—*Evergreen*, M. H. MILES, W. M.; JOHN CLARK, Rep. S. W.; R. H. JENKS, Rep. J. W.
- No. 10—*Dowagiac*, W. H. CAMPBELL, W. M. and Rep. J. W.; A. W. ALVORD, S. W.
- No. 11—*Pine Grove*, E. W. HARRIS, W. M.; EDGAR WHITE, Rep. S. W.; A. STEWART, J. W.; J. S. CRELLIN, last P. M.
- No. 12—*Battle Creek*, DARWIN D. BUCK, W. M.; L. L. LIVINGSTON, S. W.; DAVID SHEPARD, Rep. J. W.
- No. 13—*Phoenix*, JOHN G. BROWN, W. M.; A. C. JENNER, S. W.; L. BOGARDUS, Rep. J. W.; B. EDWARDS, last P. M.
- No. 14—*Murat*, F. W. SHELDON, Rep. W. M. and S. W.; GEO. N. CADY, Rep. J. W.

- No. 16—*Lafayette*, WILLIAM SINCLAIR, W. M.; GEORGE KRAPP, S. W., and Rep. of J. W.
- No. 17—*Jackson*, B. PORTER, W. M.; B. F. EGGLESTON, Rep. S. W.; DANIEL KULER, J. W.
- No. 18—*Tyre*, S. L. DART, W. M.; A. L. LYTTLE, S. W.; D. BOVEE, J. W.
- No. 19—*Adrian*, W. F. KING, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 20—*St. Albans*, ROBERT H. POWELL, W. M.; HENRY A. TILLOTTSON, Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 21—*Pontiac*, A. B. CUDWORTH, Rep. of W. M. and J. W.; A. D. SPERRY, S. W.
- No. 22—*Kalamazoo*, A. T. METCALF, W. M.; G. W. LYON, S. W.; L. C. STARKEY, J. W.
- No. 23—*Flint*, WILLIAM CLARK, W. M.; ABNER RANDALL, S. W.; F. H. RANKIN, J. W.; E. S. WILLIAMS, last P. M.
- No. 24—*Mt. Hermon*, JOHN BELOTE, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 25—*Paw Paw*, O. C. SIMMONS, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 26—*Maxson*, D. R. STROUD, W. M.; J. J. HOGABOAM, S. W.; F. D. BEACH, J. W.; D. R. STROUD, last P. M.
- No. 27—*Monroe*, J. R. GROSVENOR, W. M.; B. DANSON, S. W.; A. L. ALDRICH, J. W.
- No. 28—*Union*, ABRAHAM B. AIKEN, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 29—*Humanity*, VERNON PARK, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 30—*Concord*, A. J. PADDOCK, W. M.; W. W. KEELER, Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 31—*Portland*, WILLIAM H. WHITE, Rep. of W. M. and S. W.; A. KNOX, Rep. of J. W.; C. A. PETERS, last P. M.
- No. 32—*Fidelity*, RICHARD ROWE, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 33—*Lansing*, JOS. P. COWLES, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 34—*Grand River*, L. A. ROGERS, W. M.; J. W. CHAMPLIN, S. W.; A. MOHL, J. W.; L. MOORE, last P. M.
- No. 35—*Siloam*, THOMAS G. GREEN, W. M., and Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 36—*Ionia*, W. B. WELLS, W. M.; GEORGE HILL, S. W.; P. H. TAYLOR, Rep. of J. W.

- No. 37—*Lyons*, H. R. WAGER, W. M. and Rep. J. W.; WALTER HALSTEAD, S. W.
- No. 38—*Howell*, SARDIS F. HUBBELL, W. M.; M. L. GAY, S. W.
- No. 39—*Western Star*, E. A. BROWN, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 40—*Franklin*, HOWARD A. PRATT, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 41—*Romeo*, SAMUEL W. BELLES, W. M.; ABIJAH PALMER, Rep. of J. W.; HORACE BOGART, Rep. of S. W.
- No. 44—*Birmingham*, A. PARTRIDGE, W. M.; B. BEARDSLEY, Rep. of S. W.; SMITH PEARSON, J. W.
- No. 46—*Orion*, JAMES VAN ALSTINE, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 47—*Plymouth Rock*, GEORGE W. BOOTH, W. M.; CHARLES VALENTINE, J. W.; ANSON WARING, Rep. S. W.
- No. 48—*Austin*, D. A. WRIGHT, W. M.; T. J. EWELL, S. W.; A. S. BABCOCK, J. W.; B. COGSHALL, P. G. V. and Lec., last P. M.
- No. 49—*Meridian Sun*, IRA F. PACKARD, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 50—*Michigan*, O. H. McCONNELL, W. M.; C. WARRINER, S. W.; B. J. MILLER, J. W.; J. S. MITCHELL, last P. M.
- No. 51—*Almont*, DEWITT HALLECK, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 52—*Hastings*, O. P. DRAKE, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 54—*Lapeer*, R. G. HART, W. M.; J. M. WATTLES, Rep. S. W.; J. B. DUTTON, J. W.
- No. 55—*Backus*, ARTHUR SMITH, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 56—*Occidental*, WILLIAM EARL, W. M. and Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 57—*Three Rivers*, J. W. HALLOWELL, J. W. and Rep. of W. M. and S. W.; JOHN COWLING, last P. M.
- No. 58—*Port Huron*, FRED. L. WELLS, W. M.; W. T. MITCHELL, last P. M. and Rep. of S. and J. W.
- No. 59—*Climax*, NELSON ELDRED, W. M. and Rep. J. W.; T. B. ELDRED, S. W.; HORACE ARNOLD, last P. M.
- No. 60—*Cedar*, N. B. SMITH, W. M.; W. V. VLIET, S. W.; ENOS CHURCH, last P. M.
- No. 61—*Lexington*, A. M. CLARK, W. M.; JOHN DEVINE, S. W.; N. WOLFELL, J. W.
- No. 62—*S. Ward*, DUNCAN MCCOLLUM, Rep. of Lodge.

- No. 63 — *Eaton Rapids*, JAMES GULLEY, Rep. W. M. and S. W. ;
S. S. HAVENS, Rep. of J. W.
- No. 64 — *Macomb*, ALBERT LINCOLN, W. M. and Rep. J. W. ; H.
BENNETT, S. W.
- No. 65 — *Washtenaw*, GEORGE LYON, W. M. ; C. S. GREGORY, Rep.
S. W. ; Rev. D. C. JACOKES, Rep. J. W. ; F. CARLISLE,
last P. M.
- No. 66 — *Capital of S. O.*, E. E. BEEBE, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 67 — *Ontonagon*, J. B. WAYNE, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 68 — *Buchanan*, not represented.
- No. 69 — *Tecumseh*, LUCIUS LILLEY, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 70 — *Mason*, PETER LOWE, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 73 — *Colon*, A. J. KINNEY, Rep. S. and J. W. ; M. W. AL-
FRED, W. M. ; A. J. KINNEY, last P. M.
- No. 74 — *Dundee*, ENOS KENT, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 75 — *Utica*, WILLIAM P. WELLS, J. W. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 76 — *Livingston*, C. W. HAZE, W. M. ; M. F. DARROW, Rep.
S. and J. W.
- No. 77 — *Saginaw*, JOHN J. WHEELER, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 78 — *Otsego*, DANIEL M. HULL, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 79 — *Germania*, THOS. L. JACKSON, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 80 — *Byron*, WARREN CLOUGH, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 81 — *Owosso*, W. L. STEWART, J. W.
- No. 82 — *Lake St. Clair*, R. KERN, W. M. ; F. BURGER, S. W. ;
N. RANDALL, Rep. J. W. ; H. G. BLANCHARD, last P. M.
- No. 83 — *Bellevue*, not represented.
- No. 84 — *Oxford*, G. S. PIERCE, W. M. ; P. T. MORRIS, S. W. ;
A. A. STANTON, J. W.
- No. 85 — *Ann Arbor*, JOHN M. GOTT, W. M. ; ROBERT PRICE, S.
W. ; CHARLES BOYLAN, J. W.
- No. 86 — *Valley City*, FRANCIS LETELLIER, J. W. and Rep. of W.
M. and S. W. ; E. D. BENEDICT, last P. M.
- No. 88 — *Bulter*, AMBROSE LAMPMAN, W. M. and Rep. of S. and
J. W.
- No. 89 — *Myrtle*, ALEXANDER ROBB, Rep. of W. M. and S. W. ;
BENJAMIN COTTON, Rep. J. W.

- No. 90 — *Lowell*, W. J. PARKER, J. W. and Rep. W. M. ; B. G. WILSON, Rep. S. W.
- No. 91 — *Ashlar*, REUBEN BULMAN, W. M. ; SAMUEL HITTEL, S. W. ; JOHN McDONALD, J. W.
- No. 92 — *Prairie*, D. L. JOHNSON, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 93 — *Star*, F. W. THOMPSON, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W. ; CHAUNCEY LEONARD, last P. M.
- No. 94 — *Charity*, J. P. WHITING, W. M. ; J. D. WEIR, S. W. ; W. CAHOON, J. W.
- No. 95 — *J. Moors*, F. N. BUTLER, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 96 — *Greenville*, M. RIDER, M. and Rep.
- No. 97 — *Niles*, D. D. ROBINSON, S. W. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 98 — *Waterford*, F. BRADLEY, Rep. W. M. ; DANIEL R. LORD, S. W. ; RICHARD BRONSON, J. W.
- No. 99 — *Decatur*, O. T. WELCH, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 100 — *Oakwood*, SLOAN COOLEY, W. M. ; LUCIUS FITCH, Rep. S. and J. W.
- No. 101 — *Marquette*, not represented.
- No. 102 — *Blanchard*, JAMES J. RUSSELL, W. M. ; Rev. D. B. TRACY, Rep. S. W. ; FORDYCE HUNTER, J. W. ; WILLIAM CORBIN, last P. M.
- No. 103 — *Greenly*, E. CONANT WINTER, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 104 — *White Pigeon*, SIDNEY S. HAND, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 105 — *St. John's*, W. H. MOOT, W. M. ; JAMES HAYES, S. W. ; J. H. CRANSON, J. W.
- No. 106 — *St. Peter's*, J. S. JACKS, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 107 — *Eureka*, C. T. SOUTHWORTH, W. M.
- No. 108 — *Rockland*, J. B. WAYNE, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 109 — *Fentonville*, D. H. BAKER, W. M. ; D. MURPHY, S. W. ; W. BROOKIUS, J. W. ; M. AYRES, last P. M.
- No. 110 — *Hiram*, W. H. LAWRENCE, W. M. ; F. GARRETSON, Rep. S. W.
- No. 111 — *Allegan*, AUGUSTUS S. BUTLER, Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 112 — *Wayne*, G. WALKER, S. W. and Rep. of Lodge.
- No. 113 — *Hamilton*, V. V. B. MERWIN, W. M. ; D. C. GAINES, S. W. ; O. FOWLE, Rep. J. W.

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- No. 114 — *Blissfield*, JOHN B. CLEMENT, Rep. S. and J. W.
No. 115 — *Corunna*, H. McCURDY, W. M. and Rep. S. W. ; JOHN M. FITCH, J. W.
No. 116 — *Excelsior*, O. R. DIBBLE, W. M. ; L. M. POWELL, S. W. ; W. D. PEASE, J. W.
No. 117 — *Reading*, A. B. STRONG, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
No. 118 — *Schoolcraft*, JOHN W. BAKER, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
No. 119 — *Rising Sun*, not represented.
No. 120 — *Charlotte*, not represented.
No. 121 — *Commerce*, THADDEUS A. SMITH, W. M. ; F. B. OWEN, S. W. ; OLIVER EVANS, J. W.
No. 122 — *Ottawa*, JOHN G. COLGROVE, W. M. ; JAS. M. KELLY, Rep. S. W. ; D. B. LAWTON, Rep. J. W. ; B. L. PIPER, last P. M.
No. 123 — *Ithaca*, JOHN JEFFREY, Rep. W. M. and J. W. ; E. PECK, S. W.
No. 124 — *Eagle*, O. L. COWLES, W. M. and Rep. S. and J. W.
No. 125 — *Fairfield*, F. GRANDY, W. M.
No. 126 — *Forest*, OLIVER DODGE, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 127 — *Ovid*, H. C. SMITH, Rep. W. M. ; JOHN M. FITCH, S. W. ; W. H. FAXON, J. W.
No. 128 — *Ypsilanti*, B. FOLLETT, W. M. ; J. E. MARVIN, Rep. S. W. ; EZEKIEL COLE, J. W.
No. 129 — *Bay City*, JOHN S. JUDSON, S. W. and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 130 — *Stockbridge*, CHARLES G. COOL, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.
No. 131 — *Newaygo*, A. HENRY GIDDINGS, W. M. and Rep. of S. and J. W.
No. 132 — *Linden*, J. B. HYATT, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 133 — *Saline*, E. B. CLARK, W. M. ; T. N. LEE, S. W. ; A. MILLER, J. W.
No. 134 — *Holly*, J. B. SIMONSON, Rep. W. M. and J. W. ; MILAN PERRY, S. W.
No. 135 — *Quincey*, STILMAN BLANCHARD, Rep. of Lodge.
No. 136 — *Pokagon*, C. BENTON, W. M. and Rep. of Lodge.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the M. W. Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last communication be dispensed with, they having been printed, and being now in the hands of the members.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 4 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 4 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when, on motion, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons, in good standing, being duly affiliated, be invited to attend the session of the Grand Lodge.

The use of the hall of Union Lodge No. 3, warmed and ready for occupation, for committees and other purposes, was tendered on behalf of said body by W. Bro. JOHN P. FISKE, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were returned for the courtesy.

W. Bro. S. BLANCHARD then entered and presented M. W. ROB. MORRIS to the M. W. Grand Master, who welcomed him in a short and pertinent speech, whereupon he was received with private grand honors, and invited to a seat upon the dais. In response to this, Bro. MORRIS acknowledged the courtesy shown him, and expressed the gratification it gave him to meet his brethren of Michigan once more. He remarked, in substance, that he had visited over two thousand Lodges, and it gave him great pleasure to bear testimony that the work done by the Lodges of this jurisdiction was well done; that Michigan Masons were proverbially well instructed.

The M. W. Grand Master then addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE :

After the lapse of another year, we are permitted to meet in grand communication, to review the proceedings of the past year ; to exchange our congratulations for the peace, prosperity, and harmony which has attended the order in this jurisdiction, and may we, by recounting our prosperity hitherto, gather renewed courage, and fresh inducements to prosecute with efficiency the work before us.

We shall miss some old faces which we have formerly looked upon. For, since we last met, the saying of an Apostle has been verified among us. " All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass." These words may be regarded as peculiarly appropriate, in the announcement it becomes our painful duty to make, of the death of our friend and brother, Col. HORACE S. ROBERTS, a Past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge. He fell in the noon-day of life, upon the battle field, away from his kindred and his home.

" Thus, star by star declines
Till all are passed away."

I would recommend that a special committee be appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the sense of this Grand Lodge, and to offer their deep and unaffected condolence to his bereaved widow, in view of the great loss she, in his death, has thus sustained.

Thus, my brethren, are we admonished that death is calling away our friends and fellow laborers ; the workmen die, but the work, never ; young men are springing up all around us, and when all the fathers have gone to dwell in that temple where there is no need of the sun, neither of the moon to shine in it, these young men shall be left to take their places and carry forward the work.

During the past year I have granted five dispensations for new Lodges, as follows :

One at Port Hope, to be called Port Hope Lodge.

One at Grand Haven, to be called Grand Haven Lodge.

One at Muskegon, to be called Muskegon Lodge.

One at Bronson, to be called Mystic Lodge.

One at Manchester, to be called Manchester Lodge.

I have also granted several dispensations to confer the degrees upon individuals who had enlisted, and were about to leave for the seat of war.

The following Lodges, which received charters at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, have been constituted, and their officers installed, viz.: Holly Lodge, Newago Lodge, Saline Lodge, and Linden Lodge.

Many questions in Masonic Jurisprudence have been decided by me during the year, some of them of great importance ; I may have erred in some of these decisions ; if so, they will probably be presented to you for your action.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, it was reported that Butler Lodge, No. 88 had, without permission of the Grand Lodge, or any urgent necessity therefor, removed its place of holding meetings some five miles. A committee, consisting of Rev. Bro. L. H. Corson, was appointed to visit the place, investigate the matter, and report to the Grand Lodge at this session. His report is herewith submitted :

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1861, a committee was appointed to examine in how far the work in the three degrees, as practiced in this State, differs from that as taught by Bro. Rob. Morris, and report the result of their examination at the next meeting.

Soon after the appointment of this committee, Bro. JORDAN, the chairman, removed from the State, and the committee were not called together. At the last session, when the report should have been made, Bro. ENSWORTH, who had made a partial examination, was also absent, and no report has been made.

Since our last meeting, I have carefully examined and compared our lectures with those taught by Bro. Rob. Morris.

Without claiming any special merit for sagacity, I have to say, as the result of such examination, I have been conducted to the settled conclusion that those taught by Bro. MORRIS are altogether preferable to those we have adopted; indeed, I regard them as possessing merits altogether superior to any that has fallen under my notice. In many instances, the two systems perfectly agree, while in others, there is an irreconcilable difference.

There are in our lectures omissions and additions which greatly mar their beauty.

Their existence being a demonstrated and patent fact, what shall be done with these defects? Shall they be allowed to remain after they have been ascertained, and we have the ability to remove them? Shall we allow the imprimatur of the genuine coin to remain upon what has been proved to be a counterfeit?

No one who has a proper estimate of the Masonic ritual, will regard anything which perverts or obscures any portion of its symbolism, as a slight error, nor should any error be deemed slight which affects any portion of it. This notion that slight errors and defects, and faults are immaterial, and that we need not go to the trouble of removing or correcting them is one main cause why there are so many huge errors, and defects and defaults in every region of human life; it is important to be borne in mind, that the lectures must be judged of by their fidelity to the ritual, if they fail here, it is an essential failure; it is all irrelevant to tell us of their beauty or of any incidental characteristics. These are good and desirable qualities in themselves, but they are no substitute for the lack of fidelity to the ritual any more than the perfection of the coloring and drapery of a pretended likeness of a friend will atone for a failure to give his characteristic features and expression.

There has been much said in praise of our system of lectures, which is eminently just, and yet had no relevancy whatever, as an objection to removing errors which exist, no more than it would be in the illustration just given, to say to one dissatisfied with the picture of a friend, for the reason that some features were distorted or not given at all. Why look you at the wonderful execution of the artist's pencil, the masterly strokes, the delicate touches, the exquisite tints, worthy of Titian himself, the striking life-likeness of some of

the features; see the magnificent drapery, the tasteful grouping of related objects, the faultless perfection of the relief and perspective; surely you must be unreasonably captious not to be satisfied with a picture with all these splendid qualities. The rejoinder would be, all these are well, I would not have them altered, but they cannot make up for the positive defects in the likeness itself; they do nothing in restoring to me the lost features of my friend.

The best commentary on the ritual observances is to be found in the lectures, and they also furnish a large portion of that secret mode of recognition, or that universal language which has always been the boast of the institution.

There is evidently an increasing conviction in many of the Grand Lodges, that the time has come when there should be a uniform system of lectures adopted, so that a Mason could try, and be tried, prove and be proved everywhere. Numbers are inquiring "for the old paths, and the good old way."

The current of sentiment and feeling is manifestly setting in this direction, and it cannot be stayed. As well might you stay the progress of the world in other directions, as well arrest investigations in natural sciences, stay inventions and improvement in the arts, prohibit the laying of another iron rail, or the stretching of another telegraphic wire, or the addition of another mile to the steamer's speed; as well stop and hold the world where it now is.

In regard to the authenticity of the lectures taught by Bro. MORRIS, we have the evidence of one whose image is enshrined in many hearts, and is now, alas, all that is left us of that venerable form. I allude to the late Hon. PHILLIP C. TUCKER, P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Vermont: He says: "The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Minnesota appears to have some doubts as to these lectures, and suggests a broken link in the chain of their descent from GLEASON through FOWLE, and BARNEY to WILLSON;" I think that supposed breakage is wholly imaginary.

Bro. GLEASON was appointed Grand Lecturer of Massachusetts in 1805, and no other Grand Lecturer was appointed by that Grand Lodge until 1842. During all this time, brother FOWLE was a member, sometimes a subordinate officer, and occasionally Master of St. Andrews' Lodge, of Boston, one of the oldest and best informed

Lodges in the world. For most of this time also, Bro. GLEASON was at home in Massachusetts, and holding his office of grand lecturer for his State. Is it not a very violent presumption to assume that he did not know what lectures, and what kind of work were taught in one of the strongest Lodges of Boston.

I knew Bro. HENRY FOWLE from my boyhood. My Father was one of his intimate friends, and they were members and officers of the same Chapter. Bro. FOWLE was a man of far more mind and attainments than are usually found among men in his sphere of life. His was not a mind to forget anything, and he was entirely too tenacious a Mason to make changes without authority. But setting all inferences from such consideration aside, I remark for Bro. PIERSON'S especial satisfaction, that I was present at St. Andrew's Lodge in 1823 or 1824, and saw the work done, Bro. FOWLE taking part in it that evening as a subordinate officer, and that the work was identically that which has been practiced in this jurisdiction from 1818 to this day, as exemplified in the lectures communicated to WILLSON by BARNEY. I add also, that I was subjected, upon another occasion, to a thorough examination, in an ante-room of the same Masonic Hall, upon a visit to St. Andrew's Chapter by a strong examining committee, which, finding that I answered readily, ran through the lectures entire, from entered apprentice to Royal Arch, and that the whole of them were identical with those in use in the Lodges and Chapters of Vermont. There can be no doubt, then, that the lectures communicated by FOWLE to BARNEY were the genuine lectures taught by WEBB and GLEASON, the same which GLEASON received from WEBB in 1801 or 1802, the same which he taught as Grand Lecturer of Massachusetts from 1805, the same which I found among the Boston Masons in 1823 or 1824, and the very same which are taught there now.

Was there any opportunity for them to have been falsified in their transmission from BARNEY to WILLSON? BARNEY received them in 1817, and made private notes of them; in October of that year he submitted them to the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and got its permission to teach them in this jurisdiction; he was well known here, was a man of integrity, and had every motive of interest and honor to preserve them in their purity. In 1818, and before he had

gone from this State to teach elsewhere at all, he imparted them to Bro. WILLSON, having his original notes before him, and aiding that brother in making a correct copy of them; and when they came into use practically, they were found to exactly agree with those used in the jurisdiction from which Bro. BARNEY received them. There seems no room for error or mistake here. The link in the chain of transmission is not broken at all. We have also the result of the investigation of others, who have given this subject their careful consideration.

In 1859 a committee was appointed by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, to which was added their Grand Master, THOS. H. BENTON, Jr., to procure the ancient work. In his address to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master says: "The first step taken by the committee was to satisfy themselves as to the most authentic sources of information. After much consultation by correspondence and personal interview with many of the most eminent Masons in the United States, they determined to secure the services of R. W. SAMUEL WILLSON, grand lecturer of the State of Vermont. Bro. WILLSON was accordingly employed, and visited this jurisdiction in May, of last year, and gave them the lectures, known as the WEBB WORK, as received by him, from Bro. JOSHUA BARNEY in 1818. The work was exemplified by the committee, assisted by Bro. WILLSON, and Most Worshipful ROBERT MORRIS, Past Grand Master of the State of Kentucky, before the Grand Lodge at its last grand communication, which resulted in the adoption of the following resolution:—"

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge, now as heretofore, declare its unaltered adherence to the ancient WEBB WORK, and having the fullest confidence in the work, as exemplified by the custodians and under their direction, by Bros. MORRIS and WILLSON, does hereby adopt the same as the work, and the only work, hereafter to be taught in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master further says: "I have made it a point to scrutinize this work, and as far as possible to trace its history and origin; for it must be remembered that our object has not been to obtain new work, but to procure the ancient work. From the most accurate information I have been able to obtain from consultation with old and experienced Masons, I am fully satisfied that it is genuine, and if we adhere to the policy which has thus far been

attended with so much success, it will become uniform throughout this jurisdiction. I have never had such enlarged views of the designs and principles of Masonry, as I have during the few months I have devoted to the study of this work; there is a beauty, significance, and grandeur about the lectures when thoroughly understood, which cannot fail to impress the mind with the most sublime truths."

The Grand Master of New Hampshire, in his address to the Grand Lodge says: "It was my intention, if I could have been present at the meeting, to have introduced, so far as was practicable, the ancient work and lectures of THOMAS SMITH WEBB, with the hope that they would have been adopted by the Grand Lodge for sake of harmony and uniformity in the ritual."

The committee on work in the Grand Lodge of North Carolina recommends the adoption of the Prestonian system, as taught by THOMAS SMITH WEBB.

In the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is the following able report from the committee on foreign correspondence on uniformity of work:

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

After an interval of some ten years silence upon this subject, the various reports, addresses and proceedings before us, show that the minds of the fraternity at large are still earnestly bent upon a *uniformity of work*; they will be satisfied with nothing else. No other subject, whether "Orphan's Homes," "Masonic Temples," "Diffusion of Literature," "World's Congresses," "Powers of Thirty-Thirds," "Schismatic Grand Lodges," or what not, has such attractions for the plain, common sense masses which compose the greater portion of our fraternity, as that of *National Uniformity of Work* based upon the old, and once universally acknowledged rituals of PRESTON and WEBB. In the opinion of your committee, this is, of all Masonic questions, the most important, and to it we have bent the best of our energies and devoted the largest portion of our time. In the examination of the documents before us we have carefully marked every passage upon, or allusion to, this subject, and they have been the more or less interesting, as they gave the more or less space to it.

The importance, *the essential importance*, of having but one system of work and lectures in all the Lodges of Indiana cannot be over estimated. The Grand Lodge of Indiana has, from the first, ever and uniformly admitted it. At its session at Jeffersonville, Sept. 13th, 1820, the Grand Lodge being then but four years established, it was

Resolved, That it is inconsistent with the principles of the order to grant charters to new Lodges, until the Grand Lodge is satisfied that the

can, with safety, devolve upon them "the important trust of teaching the science of Masonry in its pure and classical principles."

This was a noble testimony, in that early day, to the great truth your committee is now considering. Two years before, the constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge, (printed 1818,) directed "that all the plans, problems and positions worked by the Lodges of Indiana shall be extended agreeably to the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of Masonry." And since that day the Grand Lodge has ever insisted upon this, the fundamental principle of Masonry.

How then — your committee would inquire — how is it that there is such confusion in the Temple? How is it that no two of our Lodges have been working alike? How is it that our past officers, even our Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Lecturers, have been teaching rituals so diverse, so variant, in many essential parts, with each other, that the traveling brother, who, in the spirit of meekness and personal improvement, knocks at the doors of Lodges as a visitor, finds his examination either so novel as to confuse or annoy him, or so superficial as to disgust him?

We might extend this inquiry in the light of a huge pile of proceedings before us, and ask, why is the work of no two Grand Lodges alike? Why do their Grand Lecturers all feel it necessary to alter the rituals so much, that if Masonic rituals were subject to the patent laws, they could secure a copyright for each one? Why are we insulted every day by finding the names of men, never before heard of out of their own little spheres, appended to Masonic Rituals, and the appellations of "The Smith Work," "The Jones Work," or "The Brown Work," given to those sublime catechisms by which the living and the dead, and the yet unborn, are gradually linked together by one common tie?

The answers to these questions we leave to the Masonic historian; ours be the task of pointing out the remedy to these stupendous evils.

That remedy — there is but one — is found in discarding all local teachings, ignoring all personal feelings, and looking back for the old teachings as the platform of Masonic instruction. We know that every lecturer *claims* to have "the old work." We are well aware that the man who last altered what his hands should have palsied before touching, claims most stoutly of all his possession of the genuine system. But we are becoming exceedingly skeptical of such claims. When two men teach different rituals, only one *can* be right, and *both may be wrong*. Where five hundred systems are in vogue, as in this country, only *one* of them *can possibly* be right. We therefore turn a deaf ear to such claims, and look and examine for ourselves.

Having looked and examined for ourselves, having read all that is to be found upon this subject in the mass of proceedings before us, having witnessed the practical workings of Masonry under quite a number of lecturers, we feel free to express ourselves in behalf of what is now termed "the Webb-Preston Work," as adopted last year in Iowa and North Carolina, and long approved in most of the old Lodges of the first fourteen Grand Lodges of the United States. The Webb-Preston work, we deem to be the

only genuine continuation of the old work that is now in vogue. This we believe for various reasons, viz.:

1st. It has been openly, fairly and boldly exhibited in many of the States for several years past, under charge of the National Schools of Instruction, of which Bro. MORRIS, of Kentucky, is President. Your committee has attended several of them, and found that every portion of the work and lectures is systematically submitted to an analysis, philological and historical, which no other system could endure for an hour. Tried by this test, all the "Smith work," "Jones work," and "Brown work," melt into confused lumps, and exhibit the baseness of their alloy. It is only sufficient—such is your committee's honest belief—to exemplify the Webb-Preston work three hours, before any American Grand Lodge, to secure its eventual adoption. It is only sufficient to rehearse it in the hearing of any unprejudiced Mason, to secure his zealous advocacy.

2nd. It is and always has been literally the work of such men as Bros. SAMUEL WILLSON and PHILIP C. TUCKER, of Vermont, than whom there are no better ritualists living, and, with slight and unimportant variations, of the large class of elderly, venerable and experienced brother Masons, represented by EDWARD HERNDON, Ala.; E. G. STORER, Ct.; THOS. HAYWARD, Fla.; JOHN CHRISTIE, N. H.; CHAS. SCOTT, Miss.; JOHN DOVE, Va.; JAMES PENN, Tenn.; SALEM TOWN, N. Y.; JAMES SALSBURY, R. I.; —HUMPHRIES, Iowa; G. H. C. MELODY, Mo.; (lately deceased,) and a thousand others, and although perhaps but a few of them retain in their mind every word in its primitive purity, whatever portions of work and lectures they do, those portions correspond with, and are parts of, the Webb-Preston ritual.

3d. It agrees far more nearly with the systems in vogue in Scotland and Ireland than any other rituals extant.

4th. It does not correspond with any of the expositions so profusely distributed through the country.

5th. It is the only system now in use in two or more Grand Lodges of this country, while each Grand Lodge, except, perhaps, Pennsylvania, has officially indorsed one (or twenty) rituals of its own manufacture, no two of them consent to indorse the same one, except that known as the Webb-Preston rituals. *We may add that no two of them agree in any part or point, except such parts or points as correspond with the Webb-Preston rituals.*

These are all, in the opinion of your committee, weighty and logical arguments for the general adoption of the Webb-Preston work. We have personally tested each one of these arguments, and proved their soundness. No one of these five arguments applies to any other of the rituals in use in Indiana, or elsewhere, so far as our observations extend, and we deem them irrefutable. In these conclusions, we rejoice to be able to present those of our Past Grand Master, SOL. D. BAYLESS, an enlightened and experienced Mason, who, being present at a session of the National Masonic School of Instruction, two years since, thus expressed himself, as chairman of a committee appointed to convey the sense of the members in relation to its objects and plans. He said, in praise of the President of the School, that

"We hereby signify our approval of his praiseworthy efforts in his labors to discard innovations in the body of Masonry, and bring our teachings back to the time-honored work of WEBB." These opinions were accepted by unanimous vote of the great audience, and in them all those who appreciate the man and his labors will heartily join.

From the foregoing testimony in regard to the genuineness and authenticity of this system, and to its claims of being a continuation of the old work, and upon a candid and careful examination, I feel called upon by the claim it possesses of being the ancient work, to express my unqualified approval of it.

The genuineness of this system must appear to every one who will correctly note the facts on which the evidence is based, and the evidence lies open to all.

The evidence comes from men of high reputation in the order, familiar with the ancient work and lectures; men qualified by education and converse with old Masons, to judge of its merits.

It has been subjected to the severest philological tests, and to the keenest criticism.

To the same effect is the testimony of many others of very considerable note, to whom I do not deem it necessary now to refer. And on this point it is further worthy of remark, that the constant attempts of grand lecturers to improve, and the almost universal concurrence as to the susceptibility of improvements, have contributed not a little to my full confirmation in the opinion that the adoption of this system is highly desirable.

Brethren, I am happy to be able to state, in conclusion, that the past year has been one of uninterrupted prosperity; there has been no confusion, no distraction; there is an unseen hand which shapes the lot of man, it encompasses all that is precious in his associated capacity, as well as in his individual personality. Taking everything into account, I know of no words which would present the past and present of our institution so forcibly as those of the Psalmist where he says: "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt, thou hast cast out the heathen and planted it, thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land; she sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branch unto the river."

F. DARROW.

TO THE M. W. G. MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF
MICHIGAN:

The undersigned, having been appointed by you at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, a special committee to visit and report on the matters connected with Butler Lodge, No. 88, it having been complained of, for having, without authority, changed its place of meeting, begs leave to report that he has discharged the duty assigned him, and finds, that the aforesaid Lodge has removed the place of holding its meetings, as charged, from the North to the Southern borders of the township of Butler, a distance of about five miles. The facts are briefly these: This Lodge, when first chartered, held its meetings in a room over a country store; an inconvenient and unsafe place for holding a Lodge; the room is elevated not more than eight feet from the ground. Whenever the Lodge was held there, a crowd of "cowans and eaves-droppers," mostly consisting of boys, were wont to assemble about the premises, and they could hear every word uttered in the Lodge room in an ordinary tone of voice. Indeed, so evidently unsafe and improper is the place for holding a Lodge, that the Grand Lecturer, at his last visit to Butler, advised the members of the Lodge then to remove the place of holding their meetings, and declared he would not visit them again, unless they removed to a more suitable place. He notified them at the same time, that changing the place of holding their meetings, did not change the limits of their jurisdiction. Being ignorant of Masonic law, they did not know that any authority for changing the place of holding their meetings, beyond that of the Grand Lecturer, was required of them.

On looking about them, they could find no room so suitable for the work of a Masonic Lodge as the room they now occupy. It is on the second floor of a farm house, and though small and inconvenient, it is well guarded. And it has the advantage of having most of the working members of the Lodge near it.

On the whole, I am of the opinion that the members of Butler Lodge, No. 88, all things considered, excusable for the course they have taken in removing the place of holding their meetings. But I cannot but express my belief that it was a grave error to grant them a charter at first. I am satisfied that the interests of Masonry are not promoted by granting a charter to a few scattered members of our order in a rural district, where there is no prospect of having a suitable place for holding a Lodge.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

L. H. CORSON.

On motion of Bro. CUDWORTH, the address of the M. W. Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, to divide and refer it to appropriate committees.

Bro. A. B. CUDWORTH, J. E. MARVIN, and J. P. FISKE, were appointed such committee.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following standing committees, to wit :

On Grievances—Bros. S. F. HUBBELL, W. T. MITCHELL, and GEORGE HILL.

On Examinations—Bros. S. L. DART, A. PARTRIDGE, and L. LILLEY.

On Accounts—Bros. J. P. WHITING, M. R. STRONG and C. T. SOUTHWORTH.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bros. GRAND SECRETARY, JOHN CLARK, and H. MCCURRY.

On motion, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for 2½ o'clock P. M., to-morrow.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 9 A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor. Prayer was made by Bro. Rev. D. C. JACOES.

The Grand Secretary then presented the final account of the estate of our late lamented brother, W. H. McOMBER, Grand Treasurer, which was referred to the standing committee on accounts.

The late W. H. McOMBER, Grand Treasurer.

In account with the GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN, Dr.

1861.

Jan'y 9.	To balance, as per account rendered to Grand Lodge	
	this day, - - - - -	\$211 87
Jan'y 11.	To your receipt to Grand Secretary, - - - - -	110 00
		<hr/> \$321 87
	CREDIT.	
Feb'y 14.	By warrant No. 124, - - - - -	100 00
	Balance, - - - - -	<hr/> \$221 87

The special committee on the division and reference of the address of the Grand Master, then made the following report, which was accepted :

REPORT.

The committee on the division of the address of the Grand Master respectfully beg leave to report as follows, to wit:

That so much of the address as refers to the death of Past Grand Master HORACE S. ROBERTS, be referred to a special committee of five.

And that so much as refers to the Webb-Preston work, be referred to a committee of five.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. B. CUDWORTH,
J. E. MARVIN,
JOHN P. FISKE.

Which report being under consideration, Rev. Bro. JACOKES moved to amend the last clause, relating to the "Webb-Preston" work, by making the committee to consist of seven instead of five, and adding to said clause the words, "and that such committee be nominated and elected by the Grand Lodge."

Pending the discussion on Bro. JACOKES' amendment, Bro. McCURDY offered the following resolution as a substitute:

Resolved, That the whole subject of changing the work be referred to the individual Lodges composing this Grand Lodge, and that they be requested to instruct this Grand Lodge, through their representatives, at its next session, whether or not a change is desirable, and that in the meantime, the whole subject be laid upon the table.

Pending the discussion of Bro. McCURDY's substitute, Bro. JOHN CLARK moved to lay the whole subject upon the table, which was amended by a motion to indefinitely postpone.

The last two motions being withdrawn, Bro. McCURDY called for the question on his substitute, whereupon a debate sprung up, after which it was moved that the question be taken on the substitute of Bro. McCURDY by sections, which motion being carried, the substitute was adopted, except the last section, "laying it in the meantime upon the table."

The report as amended was then adopted.

Bro. FOLLETT then offered the following as a substitute, which, after much debate, was adopted:

Resolved, That the whole subject of a change in the work of the order be referred to a committee of nine, to be appointed by this Grand Lodge, with instructions to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge, on the second day of the session.

Whereupon the following brethren were nominated and elected to serve on such committee, to wit: Bros. Rev. D. C. JACOBS, BEN. PORTER, Jr., LOVELL MOORE, B. FOLLETT, O. D. CONGER, H. McCURDY, S. BLANCHARD, J. E. MARVIN, and JAMES FENTON.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed Bros. M. W. H. T. BACKUS, O. B. DIBBLE, J. FENTON, W. T. MITCHELL, and J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, a special committee on the death of Past Grand Master HORACE S. ROBERTS.

The W. Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary then presented their annual accounts, as follows:

R E P O R T .

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The undersigned, your Grand Treasurer, begs leave to report:

1862.				
Jan. 8.	Amount on hand, as per last report,	-	-	\$92 45
March 5.	“ received of Grand Secretary,	-	-	2,352 86
	Balance due Treasurer,	-	-	50 53
	Total,	-	-	<u>\$2,495 84</u>

The disbursements have been as follows:

1862.				
Jan. 8.	Amount of Pay Roll,	-	-	\$1,128 13
“ 10.	Paid Warrant No. 148, F. Darrow, D. G. M.,	-	-	50 00
“ “	“ “ “ 149, Geo. Doty,	-	-	10 00
“ “	“ “ “ 150, Richmonds & Backus,	-	-	18 98
“ “	“ “ “ 151, S. Blanchard,	-	-	100 00
“ “	“ “ “ 152, Monroe Chapter,	-	-	50 00
“ “	“ “ “ 153, W. T. Mitchell,	-	-	150 00
“ “	“ “ “ 154, C. W. Moore,	-	-	6 00
“ “	“ “ “ 155, J. J. Randall,	-	-	6 60
Feb. 5.	“ “ “ 156, Postage on proceedings,	-	-	45 00
“ 6.	“ “ “ 157, Walker, Taylor, & Barns,	-	-	234 13
“ 25.	“ “ “ 158, Richmonds & Backus,	-	-	12 00
March 17.	“ “ “ 159, Rev. L. Corson,	-	-	10 00
“ 28.	“ “ “ 160, S. Blanchard,	-	-	100 00
June 24.	“ “ “ 161, S. Blanchard,	-	-	100 00
“ “	“ “ “ 162, Grand Secretary,	-	-	175 00
Sep. 14.	“ “ “ 163, S. Blanchard,	-	-	100 00
Oct. 26.	“ “ “ 164, S. Blanchard,	-	-	100 00
1863.				
Jan. 12.	“ “ “ 165, S. Blanchard,	-	-	100 00
	Total,	-	-	<u>\$2,495 84</u>

All of which is most respectfully submitted, with vouchers.

R. W. LANDON,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT.

THE GRAND LODGE OF F. AND A. MASONS OF MICHIGAN.

In account with JAMES FENTON, Grand Secretary.

1862.								Dr.
Jan. 10.	To postage stamps,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 75
July 25.	“ Express charges,	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
1863.								
Jan. 9.	“ postage stamps,	-	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
“ “	“ “	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
“ “	“ one year's salary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	350 00
“ “	“ balance in my hands,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8 25
	Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$359 75</u>

1862.		Cr.
Feb. 21.	Allegan Lodge, for special dispensation,	\$ 5 00
" "	Quincy " " " "	5 00
" 25.	Dispensation for Port Hope Lodge,	5 00
March 21.	Battle Creek Lodge, for special dispensation,	5 00
May 21.	Dispensation for Grand Haven Lodge,	20 00
June 17.	Eaton Rapids Lodge, for extra dues,	8 00
July 25.	Dispensation for Muskegon Lodge,	20 00
Aug. 16.	Otsego Lodge, for special dispensation,	10 00
" "	Union Lodge of S. O.,	5 00
" 18.	Battle Creek Lodge,	10 00
" "	Warrant on account of salary,	175 00
Oct. 14.	Muskegon Lodge, for special dispensation,	5 00
" 17.	Dispensation for Mystic Lodge,	20 00
" "	Mystic Lodge, to apply on charter,	10 00
Nov. 14.	Michigan Lodge, for special dispensations,	10 00
" 25.	Dispensation for Manchester Lodge,	20 00
Dec. 12.	Jackson Lodge, for special dispensation,	5 00
1863.		
Jan. 1.	White Pigeon Lodge, for dispensation,	5 00
	One blue book,	25
	18 Grand Lodge certificates,	6 50
Total.		\$359 75

The following communication from St. Alban's Lodge, No. 20, was received and referred to a special committee on Masonic Law. The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers O. D. CONGER, P. G. M., H. T. BACKUS, and A. B. CUDWORTH.

MARSHALL, Mich., January 12, 1863.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

At a recent regular communication of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 20, F. and A. M., B. M. WHITECLOUD, (an Indian or half breed,) petitioned said Lodge for membership. Claiming to hail from Arkansas, and once a member of a M. M.'s Lodge, among the Cherokee Indians in said State, and rep-

resenting that the Lodge of which he was a member, is now broken up, and has ceased to exist, its members having nearly all gone into the rebel service, but does not know what disposition has been made of their charter.

The petition was received and referred to a committee of three, who at the last regular meeting of our Lodge, recommended that the propriety of receiving and admitting said B. M. WHITECLOUD to membership be referred to the Grand Lodge.

G. S. BARRETT,

Secretary of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 20, F. and A. M.

P. S. The query with the committee and with the Lodge is: Can we admit to membership a brother who has not been demitted from the Lodge of which he was last a member, unless he can show that his Lodge has regularly surrendered its charter? G. S. B.

BRO. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction be instructed to prepare a list of such of its members who have entered into the military service of their country, the respective capacity in which they have served, those who have been wounded, or killed in the service, etc. That the respective Lodges report such lists to the Grand Lodge, at its next annual communication, to be preserved among the archives of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 2½ o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Bro. CUDWORTH, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, The furniture of Rochester Lodge, No. 5, has been recently destroyed by fire; therefore

Resolved, That the dues of said Lodge to this Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby remitted.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced that the hour had arrived for the special order, to wit: The annual election of Grand Officers. Bros. J. E. MARVIN, GEO. W. WILSON, and JOHN N. GORT were appointed tellers; the election was held, and the following brethren were declared duly elected to the offices set opposite their names, respectively, to wit:

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, of Centreville, - - -	<i>Grand Master.</i>
LOVELL MOORE, of Grand Rapids, - - -	<i>D. Grand Master.</i>
MICHAEL AYRES, of Fentonville, - - -	<i>S. Grand Warden.</i>
A. T. METCALF, of Kalamazoo, - - -	<i>J. Grand Warden.</i>
REV. D. B. TRACY, of Petersburg, - - -	<i>Grand Chaplain.</i>
WILLIAM BARCLAY, of Detroit, - - -	<i>Grand Architect.</i>
JAMES FENTON, of Detroit, - - -	<i>Grand Secretary.</i>
R. W. LANDON, of Niles, - - -	<i>Grand Treasurer.</i>
S. BLANCHARD, of Tecumseh, - - -	<i>Grand Visitor and L.</i>
S. F. HUBBELL, of Howell, - - -	<i>S. Grand Deacon.</i>
P. H. TAYLOR, of Ionia, - - -	<i>J. Grand Deacon.</i>
J. P. WHITING, of Detroit, - - -	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
O. BOURKE, of Detroit, - - -	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
HENRY METZ, of Detroit, - - -	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
CHARLES D. HOWARD, of Detroit, - - -	<i>G. Steward and Tyler.</i>

On motion, the installation of Grand Officers elect was made the special order for 10 o'clock, to morrow morning.

On motion of Bro. J. S. JUDSON, it was

Resolved, That Bro. ROBERT MORRIS be invited to repeat the lectures of the three degrees, according to WEBB-PRESTON, and that our R. W. G. Lecturer also repeat the lectures, as now used by this Grand Lodge, at this evening's session, and that the committee of nine on work be also requested to be present, at a quarter past eight.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 7½ o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 7½ o'clock P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor, when the Standing Committee on Examination made the following report :

R E P O R T .

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The Standing Committee on Examination respectfully report that they have carefully examined the several applications for charters from Lodges now working under dispensation, and finding their work to have been substantially correct, and in accordance with the constitution and edicts of this Grand Lodge, would recommend that charters be granted to them, as

follows: To Mendon Lodge, at Mendon, on condition that they return their dispensation to the Grand Secretary, to be called Mendon Lodge, No. 137, at Mendon, St. Joseph County; Port Hope Lodge, No. 138, at Port Hope, Huron County; Grand Haven Lodge, No. 139, at Grand Haven, Ottawa County; Muskegon Lodge, No. 140, at Muskegon, Muskegon County; Mystic Lodge, No. 141, at Bronson, Branch County. Your committee would further report, that the brethren working under a dispensation, at Memphis, ask for a continuation of their dispensation, and would recommend, that the extension be granted; also the petition of Manchester Lodge, asking for a continuation of their dispensation, which your committee would recommend be granted them; also the petition for a dispensation to open a Lodge at Lambertsville, to be called Russell Lodge, the petitioners being recommended by Blanchard Lodge, No. 102, which is in due form, that the demits of the petitioners do not accompany the application. Your committee would therefore recommend that a dispensation be granted said petitioners, on condition that they file their demits with the Grand Secretary.

Your committee would further report that the by-laws of Tyre Lodge, No. 18, have been presented to them for examination, which they find to be in accordance with the ancient constitutions, and the constitutions and edicts of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. L. DART,
ALANSON PARTRIDGE,
LUCIUS SILLEY.

The Standing Committee on Grievances then made the following report:

R E P O R T .

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred sundry matters, respectfully report, that they have had under consideration the petition of Ontonagon and two other Lodges on the Upper Peninsula, asking that the time of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge be changed, so as to be held from two to four weeks later in the year, so as to give Lodges so situated, time to make their annual returns. Your committee, without recommendation, refer the petitions back to the Grand Lodge, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

Buchanan Lodge, No. 68, having lost by fire all its furniture and property, ask this Grand Lodge for remission of dues for the year 1862. Your committee respectfully recommend that the relief prayed for be granted.

From a memorial presented by the W. M. of White Pigeon Lodge, No. 104, and a similar memorial from Bro. JACOB J. FOX, lately a member of that Lodge, it appears that Bro. FOX intending to remove from that jurisdiction, he then being Senior Warden of the Lodge, asked for and

obtained a demit. Instead of removing, as intended, he remained at White Pigeon, and claimed that notwithstanding his demit, he was still a member and Senior Warden of the Lodge, alleging that an officer of a Lodge cannot be demitted while in office. The Worshipful Master of that Lodge propounds two questions, as follows:

First. Is Bro. Fox still a member of White Pigeon Lodge?

Second. If not, will the Lodge admit him as an unaffiliated Mason?

Your committee have had the memorials and questions under consideration, and respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge answer said questions as follows:

Bro. Fox is not a member of White Pigeon Lodge.

He should be admitted to visit the Lodge the same as any other unaffiliated brother, and can only be restored to membership in the same manner as if demitted from any other Lodge.

The fact of his being an officer did not deprive him of the privilege of demission, nor in any manner change or do away with the effect of the demit. We respectfully refer the Lodge to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, adopted at the communication in 1859, p. 55.

By a copy of the records of Ottawa Lodge, No. 122, submitted to the Grand Lodge for instruction and advice, it appears that at a communication of that Lodge, held October 17, A. L. 5861, without giving any previous notice or citation to the offending brother, the Lodge adopted a resolution expelling Bro. JOHN W. DENTON from the Lodge, and all the benefits of Masonry.

Your committee recommend that the Grand Lodge advise and instruct Ottawa Lodge that the action in that case was hasty and irregular, and that the resolution of expulsion should be rescinded and held for naught.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. MITCHELL,
GEO. HILL,
S. F. HUBBELL.

On motion of Bro. DART, it was

Resolved, That all Lodges chartered at this communication be, and they are hereby permitted, to hold an election of officers at any meeting to be called for that purpose.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to WM. K. MUIR, Esq., General Superintendent of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad, and to A. L. WILLIAMS, Esq., President of the Amboy, Lansing, and Traverse Bay Railroad, for their courtesy and liberality in granting return passes to the members of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to these gentlemen a copy of this resolution.

On motion of Bro. GIDDINGS, it was

Resolved, That Muskegon Lodge, No. 140, to whom a charter has this day been granted, be authorized and empowered to hold a special communication, for the election of officers, on Tuesday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1863, upon giving due and timely notice thereof to each member of said Lodge.

On motion of Bro. W. T. MITCHELL, it was

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to M. W. F. DARROW, Grand Master, to pay the incidental expenses of his office the past year.

On motion of Bro. O. DODGE, it was

Resolved, That Bro. P. H. TAYLOR be requested to compose and read a poem at the next grand communication.

The special committee appointed to wait upon M. W. ROBERT MORRIS, and invite him to exemplify the "Webb-Preston" Work, reported him present and ready, whereupon the M. W. Grand Master requested the M. W. Brother to proceed, which he did by reciting the lectures in the several degrees, by sections, alternately with W. S. BLANCHARD, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, who recited the lectures adopted by this Grand Lodge, January 9, 1845, being the work approved and recommended by the national convention of Grand Lodges, held in the city of Baltimore, in the month of May, A. L. 5843.

The evening being far spent, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 9 o'clock A. M.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Bro. JACOKES.

Bro. McCURDY offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted :

WHEREAS, Lansing Lodge, No. 33, has paid to this Grand Lodge the sum of forty-five dollars, for a special dispensation, to initiate nine applicants, and whereas, said Lodge have recently had its regalia, furniture, and records destroyed by fire, and are now largely in debt; therefore

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-five dollars be, and the same is hereby donated to said Lodge.

Bro. BOURKE offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on grievances :

Resolved, That the Lodges of the Upper Peninsula, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be authorized to hold their meetings for the election and installation of officers, during the month of November, in each year.

On motion of Bro. PORTER, it was

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be held in the city of Detroit.

The Grand Visitor and Lecturer then made the following report, which was accepted :

R E P O R T .

TO THE WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, GRAND WARDENS AND BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The undersigned, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, respectfully reports, that, having been blessed with good health and strength during the past year, I have been enabled, through the liberality of the several railroad companies of this State, and the kindness of the brethren, to travel extensively, and perform the duties of my office to the Lodges within this jurisdiction. The newly chartered Lodges, and those working under dispensations, have required and received my special attention. The former are progressing steadily in the right direction, and the latter are sustaining the judgment of the Worshipful Grand Master in granting them dispensations. All seem desirous of *light*, and are seeking it with diligence in the true landmarks of Masonry, as heretofore taught in the Lodges of our State.

Having visited the Lake Superior district during the past season, I found the craft in that region quietly and faithfully pursuing their Masonic duties. Where all are endeavoring to do well it may seem improper to particularize, but I deem it my duty to speak of Quincy Lodge, Houghton county, which is eminently distinguished for the skill, zeal, courtesy and Masonic intelligence of its members.

The necessities of the country have called from their posts of duty at home, many active and skillful officers of our Lodges, but their places are occupied by intelligent brothers, who, in numerous instances, have requested and received my aid. The necessity for instruction will inevitably continue so long as presiding officers, from the exigencies of war or other causes, are frequently changed.

It gives me pleasure to state that, throughout this entire jurisdiction, the Lodges generally, have cheerfully obeyed the edicts of the Grand Lodge, to work in accordance with their lectures, and where this is invariably done, an admirable degree of uniformity and order prevails.

Notwithstanding the almost general absorption of the public mind in our national affairs, there is much to encourage the fraternity in the steady increase of our numbers, and the Masonic improvement of the craft.

The year that has recently closed will be memorable in history for the immense efforts of our government and people to sustain the Union; it will be memorable as a year of wide-spread and deep anxiety, of gallant sacrifices, of hopes buoyant, at times of hopes deferred, and of hopes blasted; but, above all, it will be memorable for the vast armies our countrymen have marshaled on the battle fields in deadly strife, contending, on the one hand, with a zeal worthy of a better cause, for a divided nationality, and, on the other, for the grand united nationality, that never would have been threatened, had brotherly love, an essential principle of our order, and a veneration for the best government the world ever saw, controlled the hearts of our countrymen. Allegiance to the government under which we live, is a fundamental law of Masonry; but it has occurred again and again during this terrible war, that brother has contended against brother, in deadly strife, and gave no sign, until, wounded, and almost dying, the mysterious call for succor was made, and fraternally answered, with a devotion never limited to country, kindred or clime, but as universal as humanity itself.

Our Michigan brethren have been largely represented on the battle fields, and not one has proved recreant to his duty.

On those fields, amid the clash of arms, they are rarely known as Masons, but when the battle is ended, and the wounded friends or foes require help, and the dying consolation, it is then that the Masonic character is truly developed, in acts of kindness and mercy.

While we glory in the patriotism and gallant deeds of those brothers who have sustained the honor of our country in many a fearful contest, we are called upon to mourn the loss of some of our most gifted brothers; of ROBERTS, and ENSWORTH, of Detroit; DARRAH, of Monroe; CHURCH, of Grand Rapids, and others of less fame, perhaps, but equally worthy of remembrance.

Finally, brethren, the times would seem to indicate a lamentable degree of instability in mere human institutions. Is it not well, then, to ask of our Masonic watchmen, "What of the night?" How stands our institution in these troublous times? Our order meddles not with politics; it interferes not with government. Its aims are purely moral and benevolent, and while morality and benevolence are cherished it will survive—survive,

that those who are weary of human contention and strife, may leave their cares at the thresholds of our Masonic Temples, and enter their peaceful portals as brothers "Upon the LEVEL, and part upon the SQUARE."

STILMAN BLANCHARD.

The Standing Committee on Grievances then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

R E P O R T .

The Committee on Grievances have had under consideration the records of Eaton Rapids Lodge, No. 63, by which it appears, that after the election of the officers of that Lodge, at the time fixed for their installation, objection was made to the installation on the ground of irregularity and of ineligibility of the officers elect ; whereupon the Past Master, acting as Deputy Grand Master, refused to proceed with the installation.

The question presented is: Could the members of the Lodge make the objection at that time, and was the action of the Past Master right?

Your committee recommend that this question be answered by this Grand Lodge in the affirmative.

They also report back Bro. BOURKE's resolution relative to Lodges in the Upper Peninsula, and recommend its adoption.

W. T. MITCHELL,
S. F. HUBBELL.

The Committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

R E P O R T .

TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN :

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred a resolution to authorize Holly Lodge, No. 134, to elect a Master and Wardens, have had the same under consideration, would respectfully report, that your committee are in possession of no such facts as to enable them correctly to determine the propriety of granting to the Lodge in question the dispensation asked; this solely is a question of propriety and expedience, involving no doubtful question of Masonic law, but rests upon principles as well settled and as ancient as the foundation of Masonry itself. The only peculiar fact brought to the notice of your committee as to the vacancy in the offices referred to in said Lodge, is that the same occurred by the incumbents joining the armies of the republic.

In settling the present question the only matter to determine is, whether the cause of Masonry and its progress will be subserved by filling

these vacancies, without regard to the causes producing them. As to the existence of the power there is no doubt.

It is in fact, the mere power of dispensation that has been indifferently used either by the Masonic body itself, or by the Grand Master, subject to review by the sovereign body of Masonry. It is a wholesome and necessary power intended to meet and provide for those exigencies that are incident to every human institution, and yet preserve masonry and order, and secure the progress of the institution.

It is a power inherent in the institution of masonry, and may be exercised by the body of masons, but is, and has been oftener used by the Grand Master, subject to review by the body itself, and in the opinion of your committee, can be better used by the Grand Master, subject always to the review by the body. The facts upon which the expediency of its exercise rests, can be better ascertained by him, and in the first instance, the power exercised so as to provide the health and growth of his Lodges for whose benefit it is used.

Your committee would therefore report back the resolution and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the same, inasmuch as the subject is already provided for in the existing powers of the Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. BACKUS,
Chairman.

Bro. McCURDY offered the following resolutions, which after consideration were adopted :

Resolved, That it shall be, and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer to visit and instruct all the Lodges within this jurisdiction, which have been chartered within the past two years, and such Lodges, as are, or shall be under dispensation during the present year, and also all such other Lodges in this jurisdiction as may request his services.

Resolved, That there shall be paid to the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, for his services during the present year by the Grand Lodge, the sum of \$600, and that each Lodge he shall visit, shall, in addition thereto, pay him the sum of \$5.00 for each visit.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby instructed, to furnish the Grand Visitor and Lecturer a list of the Lodges which have been chartered during the past two years, and of such Lodges as are now or may be acting under dispensation during the present year.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to the corporation of Monroe Chapter, No. 1, of the city of Detroit; the same being for rent of Grand Secretary's office the past year, and use of hall for present session.

On motion of Bro. BOURKE, it was

Resolved, That our Bro. C. D. HOWARD, be allowed for services for attendance on this Grand body, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced that the hour had arrived for taking up the special order, to wit: the installation of grand officers elect, whereupon the following brethren being presented by the Grand Marshal, were severally installed into the following stations and places, to wit:

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, *Grand Master*.
LOVELL MOORE, *Deputy Grand Master*.
MICHAEL AYRES, *Senior Grand Warden*.
A. T. METCALF, *Junior Grand Warden*.
REV. D. B. TRACY, *Grand Chaplain*.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, *Grand Architect*.
JAMES FENTON, *Grand Secretary*.
R. W. LANDON, *Grand Treasurer*.
S. BLANCHARD, *Grand Visitor and Lecturer*.
S. F. HUBBELL, *Senior Grand Deacon*.
P. H. TAYLOR, *Junior Grand Deacon*.
J. P. WHITING, *Grand Marshal*.
O. BOURKE, *Grand Sword Bearer*.
HENRY METZ, *Grand Pursuivant*.
CHARLES D. HOWARD, *Grand Steward and Tiler*.

M. W. J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, in taking the chair, briefly addressed the Grand Lodge, thanking them for the unexpected honor they had conferred upon him.

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to the death of our late beloved Past Grand Master, HORACE S. ROBERTS, then made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

X
TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's address, which relates to the death of our late brother, Past Grand Master Colonel HORACE S. ROBERTS, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report, that in the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master, in his annual address, they most deeply sympathize, as to the afflic-

tive dispensation that has stricken another star from the horizon of masonry, and consigned to a soldier's grave our late brother, Past Grand Master Colonel HORACE S. ROBERTS.

In this event it eminently becomes us, as men and masons, to recognize the high hand of Heaven, that in the meridian of life and usefulness has taken from among us one so eminent for his masonic virtues and patriotic devotion to his country and its free institutions.

The deceased, in early life, identified himself with the institution of masonry. Devoting to it the energies of a quick and appreciative mind, he most rapidly assimilated the sublime mysteries of the craft that soon distinguished him among his brethren as one eminently worthy of their confidence and affection, and they soon elevated him to the high honors of the order, honors cheerfully accorded by his brethren, and honorably worn by him, gilding with new lustre his high intellectual, social and domestic virtues.

Honored and respected by his masonic brethren, to an extent almost unparalleled for one of his years, and bound by social and domestic ties to a home with its highest endearments, the deceased, at the call of his country in the hour of her need, abandoned all for the rough necessities and dangers of the tented field, and where, in the path of duty, he sacrificed his life to the call and commands of patriotism, and now occupies a soldier's grave. His last words were: "Tell my friends in Michigan that I died at the post of duty."

Brethren, was he not a man? Was he not a Mason?

We, as Masons, are left, and a large circle of friends, to mourn his loss, and cherish his memory, and imitate his virtues.

The highest masonic eulogium we can pronounce upon him is to point the confidence and honors the Masons of Michigan have reposed in, and conferred upon him. The highest tribute we can pay to his private virtues is to point to the deep sadness with which his death has smitten his intimate personal friends. In this afflictive dispensation of the workings of a mysterious Providence, we, as Masons, recognize the hand of Him who doeth his pleasure in the armies of heaven and among the children of men, but who doeth all things well. While we mingle our deepest sympathies with the widow and family of the deceased in this great bereavement, we humbly invoke on them the mercies and blessings of Him who tempers the winds to the shorn lamb, and who is the father of the fatherless, and the widow's God.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge entertain a profound sense of the loss which, in common with his family, and the armies of the Republic, they have sustained in the death of the late Past Grand Master, Colonel HORACE S. ROBERTS, so well known for his high masonic worth, private virtues and patriotic devotion to his country.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Grand Lodge be directed to transmit a copy of this report and resolutions, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to

the widow of the deceased, as a sense of the deep and sincere sympathy felt by this body in the affliction with which she has been visited by a wise and merciful Providence, in the death of the deceased.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. T. BACKUS,
O. B. DIBBLE,
JAMES FENTON,
WILLIAM T. MITCHELL,
J. EASTMAN JOHNSON,
Committee.

The Standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence then made the following report :

REPORT.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully report that they have mailed printed copies of the proceedings of the last session of this Grand Lodge to all the Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, as far as it was possible, and in return we have received copies of the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, to wit :

Canada, July, 1862.	Massachusetts, from March to December, 1861.
Connecticut, May, 1862.	Missouri, May, 1862.
Colorado Territory, December, 1861.	New Hampshire, June, 1862.
Indiana, May, 1862.	New York, June, 1862.
Iowa, June, 1861 and 1862.	Nebraska, June, 1862.
Kentucky, October, 1861.	Oregon, September, 1861.
do October, 1862.	Pennsylvania, for the year 1861.
Kansas, October, 1861.	Rhode Island, June, 1862.
do October, 1862.	Vermont, January, 1862.
Louisiana, February, 1861.	Wisconsin, June, 1862.
do February, 1862.	Washington Territory, September, 1861.
Maine, May, 1862.	
Maryland, May, 1862.	

Without adding to the length of their report by a long introduction, they merely state that they have been governed by the same views, as heretofore, which are to confine themselves as much as possible to a narrative of facts, giving as brief a digest or synopsis of the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges as possible, with little or no comment; they therefore proceed at once to their report.

Connecticut.

THIS Grand Lodge held its annual communication in the City of New Haven, in May, 1862, M. W. HOWARD B. ENSIGN, Grand Master, presiding. In his opening address he alludes to their last annual meeting, when the political horizon was darkening with ominous clouds, that have since broken loose and produced a furious storm, whose fury is yet far from being spent. The political effervescence has carried everything in its vortex, and their fraternal intercourse with the Southren Grand Lodges has been interrupted; still he has been informed by individual brethren, that the Masonic ties have been held sacred, and that Masons, prisoners in either section, have seen their sorrows alleviated, and their prison cheered by visits from brethren of the mystic tie. The hand of mercy, even, has been extended on the field of battle, and lives saved, when otherwise a mortal issue would have been the result.

He granted a dispensation to twelve brethren in the 4th Regiment of Connecticut volunteers about to depart for the seat of war. He did not receive any report of their proceedings, and he fears that they have not prospered, as the W. M. and J. W. returned home shortly after, and remained there.

The following question was submitted to the Grand Lodge: "Can a person who has been expelled by a subordinate Lodge, petition the Grand Lodge in his own name for restoration?" After a lengthy debate and argument by counsel, it was decided in the affirmative; subsequently, however, the vote was reconsidered, and the question was indefinitely postponed, whereupon it was resolved that the petition of the expelled brother, on whose case the question arose, be entertained and heard.

They prohibited the admission of a "feed attorney" hereafter, on the floor of the Grand Lodge, or before a committee, for the purpose of advocating the claim or petition of any individual.

The committee on foreign correspondence, of which the venerable E. G. STORER was chairman, quote approvingly from the last report of your committee.

At the annual election M. W. ALVAN P. HYDE was elected Grand Master, and R. W. ELIPHALET G. STORER having held the office of Grand Secretary for *twenty-seven* years past, declined further election, and R. W. LUCIUS E. HUNT was elected to that office.

Canada.

THE annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held at St. Catharines, in July, 1862. A large representation was present. Grand Master HARRINGTON, in his opening address, suggests that the Grand Lodge do honor to itself by offering a respectful message of condolence to their widowed Queen, the "Daughter and niece of Masons!" He reports our order in Canada is pursuing its course of quiet, unobtrusive usefulness, and progression; its members continue to increase, although only three Lodges have been added to their roll during the past year. The number of Lodges

now in the roll is 155. He reprehends members who have so far forgotten themselves as to declare beforehand that, because the proceedings of their Lodge have sometimes run counter to their individual wishes, they will blackball any or all candidates presenting themselves; he declares it to be the Master's bounden duty to deprive that member, for a time, of his privileges, and report him to higher authority. He regrets to state that the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland still insist upon the good standing of those Lodges hailing under them, which have been declared by the Grand Lodge of Canada, (after much earnest consideration,) to be irregular.

In conclusion, he bespeaks their serious attention as loyal subjects and Free Masons, of no insignificant numbers, to the unhappy and unnatural war still devastating the neighboring country. He bids them all remember how nearly their country was recently involved in the convulsion, and asks who can foresee what is to happen! He reminds them of their *duty* as fellow-men and their *privilege* as brethren, to pray and hope for peace, and a return to its normal condition of that powerful Republic, between whom and them there is only an imaginary geographical line of separation. But whatever the womb of futurity may bring fresh (if peace so much the greater reason for gratitude to the G. A. O. T. U.,) he bids them remember (quoting the language of the representative of their Sovereign to the Parliament of the Province,) that the defense of their institutions, their homes and their altars against foreign attack, is a duty incumbent on the inhabitants of the Province. While earnestly desiring for the sake of suffering humanity that the storm will be stilled by that Power who alone can say with authority, "Peace! be still!" he asks them to read the fourth chapter of Jeremiah in our *first Great Light*, and to ponder at the same time as Free Masons on the symbolic significance of the "*Sword and Trowel*," at the same time he bids them never forget that the *tie* of Free Masonry, the *mystic tie* has acted as a curb on human passions, has alleviated the miseries of warfare, and that, as well in turmoil as in tranquility, they are all bound to acknowledge a brother's claim, no matter what his country, when preferred in difficulty, danger or "distress."

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

Colorado.

FROM this Grand Lodge, we have the proceedings of their first annual communication, which was held in the city of Denver, in December, 1861. Three lodges were represented. Grand Master CHIVINGTON reports having granted two dispensations for new lodges, one of which was to Bro. ALLYN WESTON, and others, for a lodge at Central City. The Grand Lodge was incorporated by the Territorial Legislature, and the Grand Master says they have a bright prospect in the future, and if they are temperate, discreet, vigilant, it will be glorious in reality. Mr. W. J. M. CHIVINGTON was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. O. A. WHITEMORE was elected Grand Secretary. The next day, R. W. ALLYN WESTON was appointed Grand Lecturer.

Since writing the above we are in receipt of the official notification of their having held their second annual communication, in Central City, in November, 1862, at which M. W. ALLYN WESTON was elected Grand Master, and R. W. O. A. WHITTEMORE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Iowa.

THE proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1861 and 1862, came to us in one pamphlet.

From the address of M. W. THOS. H. BENTON, Jr., we are happy to learn that, as a general thing, the order has been more prosperous during the past year than they had reason, under the circumstances, to anticipate. Many of their lodges have been seriously incommoded in consequence of the absence of members; some of them have been unable to hold their regular communications for the want of a constitutional number, some have been left without officers; accessions by initiation have been limited, but in some localities there has been more work than usual.

At the session of 1861, two reports from the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence were presented on the subject of Military Lodges; the majority took the ground that it was legal, but inexpedient; the minority asserted not only the legality, but expediency of granting them. Neither of these reports seem to have been adopted, neither do any Military Lodges appear to have been chartered or been formed under dispensation.

In the jurisdiction during the past year there have been 320 initiations; total membership, 4580.

M. W. THOS. H. BENTON, Jr., Grand Master, and R. W. T. S. PARRIN, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected. *

Indiana.

THE annual communication was held at Indianapolis, in May, 1862. Their Grand Master not being present, R. W. JOHN B. FLAVEL, D. G. M., delivered the address. He informs the brethren that, during the past year, his thoughts have been directed to the subject of rituals, and he expresses himself strongly and at length in favor of the "Webb-Preston Work." He acknowledges the assistance rendered by ROBERT MORRIS in imparting knowledge and instruction in the jurisdiction. He reprehends the practice, quite common in all the Lodges of the State, to set aside the by-laws of the Lodge, by declaring such and such things cases of emergency—for instance, applications for membership, or in conferring degrees. He issued, during the year, twenty-seven dispensations to organize new Lodges, twenty of them for Military Lodges attached to various Indiana regiments.

They declared, that those engaged in the rebellion are truly censurable for violating their vows and striving to destroy the best government under which Masons were ever permitted to assemble; and that, until they return to their allegiance, and are legally healed by the laws of the government they have so wrongfully abused, we will cease to regard them as true and worthy Masons.

There is no report on foreign correspondence. JOHN B. FLAVEL was elected Grand Master, and FRANCIS KING was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Kentucky.

THE latest proceedings we have from this Grand Lodge are those of the session of October, 1861. Grand Master LANDRAM says a petition had been presented to him (not in a formal manner, however,) for a dispensation to form a Military Lodge in Gen. Rousseau's brigade, but the session of the Grand Lodge being at hand, he submitted the matter to their consideration. The committee to whom the subject was referred, reported, that no petition of the kind required by their constitution had yet been presented, remarking that the Grand Lodge, during the American war, discountenanced the formation of such Lodges, and as long as the forces, among whom the Lodges are to be organized, remain in neighborhoods where Lodges are convenient, as is the case nearly all over Kentucky, there can be no pressing necessity for such organizations. They therefore cannot recommend this species of extraordinary legislation to the favorable attention of the Grand Lodge; the report was adopted.

Past Grand Master WINGATE was the mover of a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, enjoining it upon all Masons within their jurisdiction, to be, in accordance with the ancient charges, quiet and peaceable citizens, true to their government, and just to their country, not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but patiently to submit to legal authority, and conform with cheerfulness to the government of the country in which they live.

The committee appointed to take charge of the Grand Lodge building in Lexington, reported that they had cordially thrown open the doors of the Grand Hall, as a hospital for the use of sick soldiers, which action met the approbation of the Grand Lodge. M. W. Brother HIRAM BASSET was elected Grand Master, and R. W. J. M. R. McCORKLE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Since writing the above, the proceedings of the annual communication held in October last, have come to hand. The Grand Secretary being absent, the roll was called by the Assistant Grand Secretary, by which it appeared a constitutional number was not present, whereupon an adjournment was had until the next morning, when it appeared that eighty-four Lodges were in attendance, the total number being three hundred and sixteen, that many of them were laboring under disabilities, viz.: fifteen not having been represented or paid dues for three years, and one hundred and twenty-three had in like manner failed to pay or be represented for two years, these latter having been duly cited to appear and show cause why their charters should not be arrested, were suspended from labor, the former for ten days, the latter during the session; there being then present a constitutional number of Lodges not under disability, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

Grand Master BASSET then delivered his annual address, setting forth his official acts, paying proper tribute of respect to the illustrious dead,

recommending economy in expenditures, and leniency to Lodges, and closing with his views of Masonry and the civil government, his argument going to prove that it is not the province of Masonry to protect or punish her votaries who may be offenders against the State, but that she leaves them where they belong, to the civil authorities.

Past Grand Masters WILSON, SWIGERT, and Grand Treasurer HODGES, were appointed a committee (to report at the next session,) to investigate the supposed order of "Conservators" and their purposes, in consequence, as the preamble sets forth, of the deep concern and regret with which they have seen in the public prints directed to Masonry, notices of the existence of a secret order, styled "Conservators," which is represented to be subversive of the principles and organization of our order, implicating some of their brethren and high officials, feeling sure that these publications do great injustice to their members named, and to their order in Kentucky, but investigation they say should be had.

A long and intensely loyal preamble was offered, and a resolution accompanying it, setting forth that they disowned all such false brethren, and leave them in the hands of the civil authority, disclaiming any further jurisdiction; this was referred to a committee whose report was adopted, breathing sentiments equally loyal, taking the ground that Masonry regulates the conduct of Masons towards each other, but it does not attempt to control or direct Masons in their legal obligations to man or government. They likewise came to the conclusion that beyond the stern disapprobation of the fraternity, they must be left with the civil tribunals.

The Grand Treasurer was directed to take proper steps to collect or secure the debt owing to the Grand Lodge by P. G. M. MORRIS.

A resolution forbidding her subordinate Lodges to give the privilege of their Lodge rooms to any lecturer unless regularly authorized by the Grand Lodge, was laid over until next year.

M. W. JOHN B. HUSTON was elected Grand Master, and R. W. PHILLIP SWIGERT, Grand Secretary.

Kansas.

THE sixth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in October, 1861. Twelve Lodges were represented. The Assistant Grand Secretary read a communication from G. M. FAIRCHILD, briefly setting forth his official acts, and apologizing for his inability to fully carry out the recommendation of the previous session in reference to securing uniformity of work, owing to being so much engaged in the discharge of positions of trust at home, and the time he had felt called upon to lend for the defense of the country.

The committee on foreign correspondence notice our proceedings for 1861, and in reference to the appeal for assistance from their Palmyra Lodge 23, to our Lapeer Lodge, No. 54, they quote our advice to said Lapeer Lodge "to receive such appeals with caution as well as liberality," and remark, they are not disposed to question the right of Palmyra Lodge to ask for assistance, but are of opinion that it would have been highly proper for

them first to have made their appeal to their own Grand Lodge. They hope, that as the operations of Palmyra Lodge seem to have been somewhat extensive, the Grand Lodge will not pass it by without notice.

R. W. JACOB SAQUI was elected Grand Master, and R. W. E. J. CARR assistant, was elected Grand Secretary.

Since writing the above, we are in receipt of their proceedings for the year 1862, which coming to hand at so late a date, we have only time to notice that the present distracted state of affairs affects the fraternity in Kansas so that many of their Lodges have been unable to pay their Grand Lodge dues. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

Louisiana.

FROM this Grand Lodge we have received a copy of the proceedings of their meeting in February, 1861. At that time M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS announced to his brethren the continued prosperity of Masonry generally, and in Louisiana particularly.

In 1858, a majority of their Polar Star Lodge, No. 1, formed themselves into a private corporation as "Polar Star Lodge, No. 1, charitable association," and afterwards passed a resolution against the protest of the minority to donate all the property of Polar Star Lodge, No. 1 to themselves, as composing that charitable association, completing their designs by a notarial act of donation, and took possession of the property, estimated at \$20,000. The minority maintaining their existence as Polar Star Lodge, No. 1, brought suit in the District Court to recover the property, the suit being lost in that court, an appeal was taken, and the judgment reversed, the Supreme Court deciding that the resolution and the act of donation were null and void. Two other similar cases were decided in like manner. The principles decided in these cases are thus stated: that though any of the members of the Lodge may withdraw at pleasure, yet, even though a majority should do so, or should even vote to dissolve the Lodge, the vote would be of no avail, nor would the Lodge be dissolved if a sufficient number should remain to carry on its functions. That a vote of the Lodge cannot dissolve it, and that the only way a Lodge, being a chartered institution, could be dissolved, would be by the action of the founder, the Grand Lodge, the State, or courts of justice declaring the charter forfeited: that all the rights and franchises of the Lodge continued with the remaining members, who would in fact constitute the corporation: that the very attempt at dissolving the Lodge, declaring its charter canceled, and forming themselves into another corporation, was as effectual withdrawal as could be, and required no further action on the part of the Lodge in themselves to bring about a complete severance of their connection with the Lodge.

The committee on foreign correspondence quote from G. M. GREENLY'S address, the part relating to the new political state of the country, and also from the report of our special committee on the same subject, without a word of comment.

We also received the proceeding of their meeting in February, 1862.

Grand Master FELLOWS, in his opening address, with a feeling of sadness at the absence of many faces which he had had the pleasure of greeting there for the past ten years, many, he says, who have heretofore come up to the annual assembly, "have, at the call of their country, left friends and home to serve its behests on the tented field, and in the deadly strife of battle," and he prays that their success may be in proportion to the justness of their cause, to which petition your committee respond—Amen!

He informs the Grand Lodge of the death of Grand Secretary SAMUEL G. Risk, on the 24th of December, 1861.

He states that this Lodge has remitted the dues of its members for the entire period which they may be engaged in the military service of the Confederacy.

He granted but one dispensation during the year, and that was for a Lodge to be attached to the 7th Regiment of Louisiana volunteers.

He complains of the Grand Lodge of Virginia having granted a dispensation to certain of their own brethren in the 5th Regiment of Louisiana volunteers, regarding it as an invasion of their jurisdiction.

Louisiana Relief Lodge, No. 1, according to custom, presents its report. They say, among other things, that immediately on the secession of Louisiana from the old Union, many brethren from the Northern States, and out of employment, were granted relief to enable them to return to "what they deemed a more congenial clime. After hostilities commenced, they adopted a rule to grant no assistance to able bodied men, who had no families depending on them, believing that when their independence was at stake, it was the duty of all to defend it, and that no good Mason would hesitate to enter the army when no other means of support could be obtained."

The committee on foreign correspondence presented a very brief report of the proceedings of nine Grand Lodges, five Southern and four Northern; of our own they merely quote a passage from the speech of M. W. ROB. MORRIS, remarking that the fearful state of things he so much feared, had become a fearful reality.

M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS was elected Grand Trustee, and SAMUEL L. TODD, P. G. M. was elected Grand Secretary.

Maine.

THE annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in May, 1862, with a representation from eighty-nine Lodges. Grand Master DRUMMOND says, in his opening address:

"While they have not, during the last year, received so large accessions to their numbers as in some former years, their growth has been steady and healthy. As a general thing, the Lodges have become more perfect in the work, more careful to conform to the constitutions and landmarks, more circumspect in the admission of candidates, more rigid in their discipline of delinquents, and no less zealous and active in works of charity and benevo-

lence. In his view, this indicates a greater degree of prosperity than could possibly be reached by a mere increase of initiates and new Lodges."

He informs the Grand Lodge that the question of the invasion of their jurisdiction by Union Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England is finally settled by the dissolution of Union Lodge; it has surrendered its charter and has ceased to be.

He complains of a lady, pretending to be deaf and dumb, imposing upon the craft (assumedly under the patronage of the fraternity to complete her course at Hartford Asylum,) by soliciting subscriptions for various magazines, at cheap rates, *with payment in advance*. She was successful, but the subscribers never received their magazines.

He made a number of decisions, two of which we copy:

1. If the by-laws of a Lodge provide for the suspension of the members who willfully neglect or refuse to pay their dues, the proper method is to file charges against each person neglecting, and proceed to try them under that by-law. If the by-laws require the payment of dues, but provide no penalty for willful neglect or refusal to pay them, a member who refuses or willfully neglects to pay his dues, after being required so to do by the Lodge, should be tried for violating the by-laws, or for willfully disobeying the summons of the Lodge, and, if found guilty, may be suspended from membership. If found guilty of willfully disobeying a summons of his Lodge, he sees no reason why he may not be suspended, or expelled from the order.

2. A petitioner residing in a town in which there is more than one Lodge, can apply to a Lodge in another town; with the permission of *one* of the Lodges in his own town, according to the settled practice. If it were a new question, it would be worthy of consideration, whether he should not obtain the consent of all the Lodges.

The Masons connected with the Thirteenth Maine Regiment petitioned him for a dispensation for a Military Lodge to be connected with that regiment. But he had so grave doubts concerning the propriety of granting such a dispensation, that he declined to do so. It would be impossible, he thought, for such a Lodge to obtain the necessary knowledge of the character of candidates; they would not be located in one place for any length of time; and so many objections at once occurred to his mind, that he concluded the Grand Lodge would not desire to have such a dispensation granted.

He declined to attend a "convention of past and present Grand Masters of all Grand Lodges in all the States" to devise some fair and just plan by which the discordant and belligerent interests, which are now in such fearful array, may be assuaged into peace and adjustment, for several reasons: 1. The Grand Lodge had committed to him no such trust. 2. It would have been an attempt to make the fraternity a political party, and 3. Decisively, (not to mention others,) the government had the whole matter in its own hands.

A pleasing incident occurred in the presentation to the Grand Lodge of a Gavel, made from the wood of a pine tree planted by HENRY PRICE, in

Townsend, Mass., about the year 1775. Henry Price, the first Provincial Grand Master, was born in London, England, in 1697, and died in Townsend, May 20, 1780.

The following question was asked, and the following answer given:

"If a candidate is rejected on either of the three degrees, how long before his case can be again acted upon by the Lodge?"

Answer. It may be acted upon at any time, in the same manner as a new application, if there is nothing in the by-laws of the Lodge to forbid.

M. W. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND and R. W. IRA BERRY were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively.

Massachusetts.

At the quarterly communication of this Grand Lodge, in March, 1861, a brother appealed from the action of his Lodge in his case; from the report of the committee we have the following statement of the case: A great and unusual number of rejections had occurred in the Lodge in question; it attracted attention, and a committee was appointed to investigate the cause, who reported, "that the bearing, deportment and general conduct of Brother GRANT, during the past two years, had been such as to render his continued membership, in their opinion, incompatible with the legitimate masonic purposes, the interest and harmony of the Lodge, and that, therefore, said membership be and is hereby terminated. This report was considered at a meeting specially called for the purpose; the petitioner was notified and was present. He was expelled by a vote of thirty-five to four. The vote was by ballot. *Held*, that the method of making investigations by committees is in accordance with masonic usage, and is probably the least objectionable one that could be pursued; the objection that no charges were presented, no trial had, and no opportunity for defense given, was overruled, it being held that the committee recommended to the Lodge the passage of the resolution as the result of their deliberations, it was not proposed to try the brother, or to adopt any course by way of punishment, but to separate him from the Lodge as a measure of self-protection, the Grand Lodge being unable to agree with the petitioner in his declaration, that the proceedings of King Solomon's Lodge are unmasonic, illegal and void, and declined to take further action in the premises.

We are pleased to learn from M. W. G. M. COOLIDGE's address, at the annual communication, held December 27, 1861, that notwithstanding the preoccupation of their minds, and the intense anxiety of their hearts, the work of the Lodges has gone on to an unprecedented extent, and that there was but little falling off during the year in the number of initiates. Number of Lodges is 121; initiated in 1858, 1323; in 1859, 1188; in 1860, 1107. Eight dispensations for new Lodges were granted, six of them for Army Lodges.

M. W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE was elected Grand Master, and R. W. CHARLES W. MOORE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Maryland.

From this Grand Lodge we have received the proceedings of their semi-annual communication in May, 1862.

The "Grand Inspectors" for Baltimore city regret that there ought to be much improvement in attendance of members; with very few exceptions there not being, at the hour at which the Lodge is called, a sufficient number of its members to convene the same; in some instances no officers being present to call the Lodge together.

The M. W. Grand Master regrets that he cannot congratulate his brethren upon the growth and prosperity of the order in his jurisdiction since their last annual communication. Through the neglect of the members to pay their regular dues, the funds of the Lodges have become exhausted and the usual prompt response to cases of charity which have heretofore characterized the Lodges in that jurisdiction, have in a great measure failed. He considers these evils to be the effect of our civil troubles. He reports having received a letter from Brother J. H. CHASE, Lieutenant and R. Quartermaster of the 3rd N. Y. Volunteers, setting forth that the regiment being encamped one mile from the village of Hampton, Virginia, which village had been deserted by its inhabitants, and in such haste as to leave libraries, furniture, etc. exposed to pillage and plunder of the hordes of negroes there congregated, and fearing for the safety of the Masonic Hall in the place, he reported the fact, and obtained from Major General BUTLER permission to take possession of, and take care of the property, which was done. No opportunity having presented itself of forwarding it direct to Richmond, he had transferred the property to him, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, remarking that, although as they honestly believed, they had come in defense of their just rights, they came not to wage war upon an order expressly founded to inculcate the exercise of *Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth*.

The Grand Master, expressing his gratification of the above act, remarks that he has heard on each side of the contending armies noble instances in which the tenets of our profession have been faithfully and beautifully exemplified, demonstrating that Masons do *not* forget that they *are brethren*.

Missouri.

THIS Grand Lodge was opened in May, 1862, by R. W. GEO. WHITCOMB, S. Grand Warden, as Grand Master. The report of the committee on foreign correspondence is from the pen of R. W. A. O'SULLIVAN, Grand Secretary; he reviews the proceedings of but thirteen Grand Lodges, our own not included. He states that since the 10th of August preceding, all mail facilities were suspended between his place of residence and the rest of the world, and had been only partially resumed within the past four weeks; in concluding his report, he remarks that having passed through many trying scenes within the past ten months, he has no heart to write. He mourns for the unhappy condition of the country, and the amount of human

suffering he has witnessed, and in the bitterness of spirit he asks, why is it, that in this age of the world's history, such fearful calamity should have fallen upon us? If we, as Masons, he adds, exercised in their fullest extent those great lessons of providence, justice and charity, which have so frequently been taught us, much of the worst features of the present unhappy contest, now waging by members of the same great family, might never have appeared; but alas, for poor humanity. He confesses Masons, in too many instances have forgotten those lessons, and by their acts clearly prove that they entered the order for far different purposes. Their hearts were never prepared, they never learned to subdue their passions, and their Masonic lives have been one continued lie—a mournful picture, truly.

Finding no rule regulating the time *when* a person forfeits his election in a Lodge, either in the “regulations” of England, Ireland, or Scotland, or in the by laws of the several Grand Lodges of this country, they decided that an applicant failing to come forward for initiation within six months from the date of his election, his fee shall be declared forfeited.

On the third day of the session the address of the Grand Master, M. W. W. R. PENICK, was received and read, his home now being in the tented field. Calling their attention to the North American Congress, proposing to hold its next triennial meeting in September, at Memphis, he declares it to be the old general Grand Lodge in disguise, and he recommends the Grand Lodge to take no action on the subject. Speaking of the condition of Masonry in the State, he is of the opinion that not more than one-fourth of the Lodges are regularly at work, and declares it to be out of their power as Masons to do anything to revive them until law and order are restored in the State; he recommends the Grand Lodge to arrest the charters of all the Lodges that have been delinquent for two years, and that all dues from Lodges for the present year be remitted.

A decision was made of the case of J. W. HEMPHILL, W. M. of Clarks-ville Lodge, No. 17, who had been deposed from office by a District Deputy Grand Master. The facts were as follows: in April preceding, he was re-elected W. M. of his Lodge, and he and the other officers elect were duly installed by a Past Master the same evening; the meetings of the Lodge were regularly held, and work progressed as usual, until the 29th of August, when the J. W. Secretary, and J. D. addressed a letter to the D. D. G. M. of the tenth district, stating that they felt aggrieved because the W. M. refused to assent, at his installation, to the ancient charges and regulations of the order. The D. D. G. M. made inquiry at a meeting of the Lodge in October, when the W. M. established by proof, and *again* declared his assent to all the ancient charges of installation, but admitted that he had political opinions of his own as to the nature of allegiance, which he then, and still entertained, notwithstanding the D. D. G. M. remained of the opinion that the W. M. “persisted in qualifying the installation charges;” he therefore deposed him as above stated.

In November following, the same D. D. G. M. seized upon, and arrested the charter of said Lodge, upon the distinct and sole ground that “*the name of a plotter against the government appeared upon the record as being present*”

at a Lodge meeting on the 9th of the same month ; the brother alluded to was, for a time, an officer in the army of Sterling Price, but had returned home to pursue his ordinary avocations. The decision was, that the deposing the W. M. was illegal, and therefore void, and that the charter, etc. be restored. The Grand Secretary states in his report, that it was his misfortune to witness some of the sufferings occasioned by the unnatural strife now existing, and he thanks God that it was in his power to do some little good for the wounded and suffering brethren, and while he regrets to state that many claiming to be Masons, hailing from that, and other jurisdictions, failed in their duty as such, he found others, who clearly comprehended their position, and acted accordingly.

No dispensations for the formation of new Lodges were issued during the year.

The D. D. Grand Masters were instructed to discountenance all unauthorized lecturers and itinerants, and to report to the Grand Lodge the names and places of residence of "this worthless class," should any appear among them. M. W. GEO. WHITCOMB was elected Grand Master, and R. W. A. O'SULLIVAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

New York.

THE annual meeting of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of New York, in June, 1862, M. W. FINLAY M. KING, presiding, who informed the Grand Lodge that he had declined an invitation to attend a convention of the Grand and Past Grand Masters of all the States, at Louisville, to compare opinions, with a view of effecting a conciliation of the difficulties between the different sections of our distracted country. The reasons which induced him to decline, were, that the proposed convention must, necessarily, be of a political character, and he was not authorized to represent the fraternity or mingle in the deliberations of such a body; that, as an institution, we had no business to interfere with the political government of the country. This opinion, he says, seems to have been generally entertained of the project, both North and South, and it was abandoned. Speaking of the interruption of communication with many of the their sister Grand Lodges in other States, consequent upon this deplorable war, he remarks, that as far as he is informed, it is not occasioned by the action of any Grand Lodge on this continent, in respect to differences of a political character. He complains that some of their subordinate Lodges have procured from the legislature charters of incorporation, omitting the salutary provision, requiring the Lodges thus incorporated to conform "to the rules and regulations of the order, enabling it to defy the authority and powers of the Grand Lodges before the civil courts of the State," and becoming, in a legal sense, independent of the Grand Lodge.

The subject of reducing the representation of the Lodges to the Grand Lodge, he says, continues to occupy their ablest minds. Various plans are proposed, but none, as yet, agreed upon. Their Lodges now number five

hundred and twenty-four. He issued dispensations for the formation of seven new Lodges.

The Grand Master says his opinion has been asked in over four hundred cases; many, if not most of his decisions, turned upon the construction of the constitution or local usages. We quote a few, decided upon general principles:

A brother having received two degrees in another State, can only receive the third degree in a Lodge in this State by consent of the Lodge, Grand Lodge, or Grand Master of the State in which he was initiated.

The Grand Master has no power to authorize the election of a Master from the floor of a Lodge. If he is not a P. M., he must have served as Warden.

An expelled or suspended member can only be restored by petition, and the unanimous acceptance of a favorable report.

The Master of a Lodge has the power to direct the withdrawal of a visiting brother, if his presence disturbs harmony.

A non-affiliated Mason, made such by having been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, can only have a demit from his Lodge after paying up his dues to the time he was so stricken from the roll, and being restored by a two-thirds vote.

Any member of the Lodge is liable to be stricken from the roll on being in arrears for one year's dues.

He complains that efforts have been, and are still being made, to introduce and engraft upon their established system of work and lectures, a system that is variant from, and inconsistent in detail, with that so established. He says it will require a great deal of assurance on the part of any individual, to assert his system is the true one, in opposition to the deliberate decision of a majority of a body of seven or eight hundred Masons, who combine an amount of intelligence, research and Masonic knowledge, without superiors in the Masonic world. The idea, he says, is simply ridiculous.

The number of Lodges that made returns to date was 434, showing 3,604 initiations; 604 affiliations; demitted, 947; expelled, 38; suspended, 24; stricken from rolls for non-payment of dues, 1,259; restored to membership, 10; died, 324. Total number of members in good standing 30,835.

The fraternal acknowledgments of the Grand Lodge were tendered to M. W. Bro. FELLOWS, of New Orleans, for his fraternal kindness and Masonic hospitality to EDWIN COLE, a private in the 71st regiment New York militia, also a member of Hope Lodge, No. 244, New York, who, on the 21st of July, 1861, was severely wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Bull Run, whence he was taken to Richmond, and then sent to New Orleans, when his sufferings becoming known to M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS, Grand Master of Louisiana, he provided him and eight other members of the craft (fellow prisoners with Brother COLE,) with clothing, medical attendance, and every needful comfort in the hour of their extremity.

R. W. FRANK M. HOPKINS, Grand Lecturer, reports by far the greater majority of their Lodges are already in possession of, and are practicing more or less perfectly, the standard of work and lectures.

The committee on constitution and by-laws, in answer to a question referred them, reported that according to their constitution, requiring every Mason to belong to some Lodge, a non-affiliated Mason has no rights secured to him beyond those of the profane, in regard to the government and discipline of Masonry, and the internal concerns of a Lodge; therefore, he cannot prefer charges against a brother, except through an officer, a member, or by order of a majority of the Lodge.

M. W. JOHN J. CRANE was elected Grand Master, and R. W. JAMES M. AUSTIN, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire.

THE annual communication was held in June, 1862. Grand Master HUGHES gives the following opinion:

"Adoptive Masonry!" one of the patent humbugs of the day. It does not take well in *our soil*. Perhaps we have too much granite in our composition, for it does not flourish well here. We have every reason to rejoice that it has been received as it has. It is "Frénchy." It originated and grew in troublesome times. It is a relic of the "French Revolution," when anarchy and infidelity were rampant. It is to be classed with the trash that "itinerant Masons" have to vend. The bare idea of making Masons of women is enough to condemn it with every one who believes in genuine Masonry. No woman of good repute will have anything to do with it, unless she is deceived.

The proceedings are almost exclusively of local interest. The Grand Master declares that there is but one sentiment among Masons, and that is, the "Constitution as it is, and the Union as it was."

The report on foreign correspondence is from the practiced pen of HORACE CHASE. He quotes approvingly from our proceedings.

CHARLES H. BELL was elected Grand Master, and HORACE CHASE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Nebraska.

THE annual communication was held in Omaha, in June, 1862, Grand Master ARMSTRONG, presiding. Six Lodges represented.

The Grand Master reports that harmony prevails among all their Lodges, which are flourishing in a greater degree than they could have anticipated in the present distracted state of the nation. Their prosperity and usefulness have been somewhat retarded by the absence of members who have answered their country's call, and are now fighting under the old flag for the restoration and integrity of the government. Yet, he says, they have progressed to an unexpected extent, and the number of initiates during the past year will compare favorably with that of any preceding one.

M. W. GEORGE ARMSTRONG was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. R. C. JORDAN, Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, was elected to that office.

Oregon.

THE eleventh annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in September, 1861, at Salem. Twenty-six Lodges were represented.

Grand Master HOLBROOK being absent in the Atlantic States, sent a brief communication, recapitulating his official acts during the year, and deploring that "sorrow and grief are spread like a pall over the fraternity everywhere, because brother is at war with brother."

The committee on foreign correspondence notice the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1861, and quote approvingly from them.

They directed the Grand Secretary to procure, from year to year, the photograph of the preceding Grand Master.

Masonry is as well appreciated in this extreme western State as it is in the Atlantic jurisdictions. Of this, abundant evidence is afforded by the careful attention they gave to the various local subjects which occupied their attention during their four days' session.

JAMES R. BAGLEY was elected Grand Master, and WM. S. CALDWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania.

FROM this Grand Lodge we have an "abstract of their proceedings" during the year 1861.

The committee on foreign correspondence say the Grand Lodge have, within the last few years, devoted more careful attention to those proceedings of other Grand Lodges sent to her for examination and information. They do not consider it within the province of one Grand Lodge to interfere with the business and Masonic policy of another Grand Lodge, and her reticence on these subjects has been in conformity with her avowed opinion; whenever innovations by incaution have been knocking at the door of the temple, they have, in brotherly love, given the alarm, but neither reproachfully nor reprovingly. They suggest that a system of permanent Grand Representation between every of the R. W. Grand Lodges of the United States and Europe may be of doubtful propriety; in special cases and for particular purposes, it is no doubt Masonic and beneficial. In all kindness they say a word against any individual or combination of individuals, members of the order, using their relations to the craft for purposes or objects which are aside from the cardinal principles of Free Masonry; when, therefore, plans, propositions, projects or purposes are attempted to be organized among the craftsmen, they say we would do well to examine into the motives which underlie them. Further on in their report they quote approvingly from G. M. A. T. C. PIERSON, of Minnesota, denouncing the formation (in his opinion a pecuniary speculation) of a secret association among Master Masons called "Conservators,"

the object of the scheme being to influence and control Subordinate and Grand Lodge action through secret agents, subjecting Subordinate and Grand Lodges to the control of the chief Conservator.

In reply to the circular of Bro. CYRIL PEARL, secretary *ad interim*, of the "North American Masonic Congress," inviting the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to meet in convention, not so much for the discussion of those esoteric subjects of ordinary times, as for a sincere endeavor to pour the oil of tranquility on the troubled waters of national strife, Bro. VAUX, chairman of the committee on correspondence, replies that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania have already spoken, very decidedly, adversely to such a congress, and that at this time of peril to our country, the still small voice of Masonic faith has not, he fears, power enough to rise above the din of arms and the roar of battle; the effort, if made, would demand a condition of public affairs which has not arisen or may have passed away, and that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has not been able to regard his communication in such a light as to convince her of the propriety of her concurrence in the plan his invitation suggests.

M. W. JOHN THOMPSON was elected Grand Master, and R. W. W. H. ADAMS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Rhode Island.

WE have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge "for the year ending June, 1862." From the address of M. W. A. BALLOU, delivered in May last, we learn that the closing year has been one of comparative prosperity. One new lodge has been formally constituted, and that while there has been little or none of the excitement which at times takes hold of the public, rendering them almost clamorous for admission, there has been a healthy increase, and a more watchful care to exclude the unworthy.

In this jurisdiction there are twenty-three lodges. Number raised during the year, fifty-two; died, thirty-three; expelled, one; suspended, two; rejected, fifteen.

M. W. ARIEL BALLOU, Grand Master, and R. W. THOMAS A. DOYLE, Grand Secretary, were each re-elected.

Vermont.

THE regular communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Burlington, in January, 1862, Deputy Grand Master WASHBURN, presiding, who reported that within three months after the close of their last session a deep gloom spread over their Masonic horizon, and the heart of every brother within their jurisdiction was filled with sorrow by the mournful intelligence of the decease of their Most Worshipful Grand Master, PHILLIP C. TUCKER, who died in the city of Vergennes, on the tenth day of April, 1862, in the sixty-second year of his age. His remains were interred with Masonic honors, under the direction of the Grand Lodge. Speaking of the condition of the order in his jurisdiction, he says, craft

Masonry, in his opinion, never stood so high in the estimation of thinking men as it does this day; their lodges are fast filling up with eminent young men, who will do honor to the order; even men in middle life have recently manifested an ardent desire to be known and acknowledged among the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. There are now under their jurisdiction fifty-six chartered Lodges, and three under dispensation.

It was proposed to repeal the article of their by-laws which reads, "Nor can business other than conferring degrees be done, except in a Master's Lodge." The mover, Bro. SAMUEL WILSON, declared it to be a modern innovation, unknown previous to 1842. The resolution was laid on the table, but afterwards taken up and rejected.

The committee to whom was referred three petitions from various regiments of Vermont volunteers for charters for Army Lodges, reported that they were embarrassed in their investigations for the want of precedents. They were informed that other States had granted charters, still, they say, that should have no influence with them, unless rightly granted. After stating what limitations and restrictions should be imposed if the Grand Lodge thought best to grant them, they say, that in their opinion, it would not be well to grant charters in any event, in which recommendation the Grand Lodge concurred.

M. W. LEVERETT B. ENGLESBY was elected Grand Master. Grand Secretary JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, after distinguished services for twenty-eight years, retired, and HENRY CLARK, of Poultney, was elected to the office.

Wisconsin.

THE annual session of this Grand Lodge was held at Milwaukee, in June, 1862.

M. W. Grand Master ALDEN congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the continuance of that harmony and concord which has heretofore characterized the fraternity within that jurisdiction. He says, at no period in the history of the order in that State, have they exhibited so strikingly the evidences of healthy growth and permanent prosperity. He granted five dispensations to form new Lodges during the year. They now have one hundred and thirty-two chartered Lodges, and four under dispensation, containing a membership of 4,067. Initiations, 532. Grand Lodge dues, \$2,593.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were each re-elected.

Washington Territory.

THE fourth annual communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the city of Olympia, in September, 1861, representatives from eight of their nine Lodges being present. The evening session was occupied in exemplifying the work.

Grand Master GARFIELDE delivered a business-like address, recapitulating his official acts. He visited during the year all the Lodges but three.

There were seventy-three initiations during the year. The membership numbers two hundred and sixty-seven. Amount of Grand Lodge dues, \$504.

The Grand Master was authorized to instruct any well informed Master Mason in the jurisdiction, whose business may make it necessary to visit the Atlantic States, to attend a Masonic school of instruction, for the purpose of learning the Webb-Preston work, as taught by Bro. ROB. MORRIS, of Kentucky.

DANIEL BAGLEY was elected Grand Master, and T. M. REED was re-elected Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES FENTON,

Grand Secretary, and ex-officio Chairman of Com. on F. C.

The Standing Committee on Accounts then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Standing Committee on Accounts beg leave to report upon the accounts referred to the committee by the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of this grand body, and having compared payments made with the vouchers, find them correct.

Your committee would further recommend that warrants be drawn for the following accounts, to wit :

Richmonds & Backus, for stationery, - - - -	\$38 95
For balance due Grand Treasurer, as per report, - -	5 53
Amount still in the hands of Grand Secretary, as per report,	3 25
The Grand Secretary's tabular statement for the session of 1861, shows his receipts to have been - - - -	\$2,342 33
The Grand Treasurer's account presented January 8th, 1862, acknowledges "received from Grand Secretary," only	2,232 33
Leaving unaccounted for - - - -	\$110 00

For this sum the Grand Secretary holds the receipt of the late R. W. W. H. McOMBER, but his executors, not having rendered an account to the Grand Lodge, the receipt of the \$110 did not appear in the record; we have examined the final account of the estate of Bro. McOMBER, by which it appears that the Grand Lodge received from it \$221.87, while the balance, as per last account on record, was but \$211.87.

It may be proper to add that warrant No. 124½ has never been returned by the executor.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. P. WHITING,

C. T. SOUTHWORTH.

On motion of Bro. O. B. DIBBLE, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appropriate one hundred dollars for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a suitable monument to our late Past Grand Master, HORACE S. ROBERTS, and that the same be expended under the direction of a committee of three, to be appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. O. B. DIBBLE, H. T. BACKUS, and F. DARROW such committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure a Past Grand Master Jewel, to be presented to Past Grand Master F. DARROW.

On motion of Bro. BOURKE, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to our last Past Grand Master DARROW for the able, enlightened, and dignified manner he has presided over this Grand Body during his term of office. Also, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge are given to the remainder of the late grand officers for their efficiency in the discharge of the duties of their several offices.

On motion of Bro. DART, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, Lodges previously chartered by this Grand Lodge have been instituted, and their officers installed, without any authority from the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in consequence thereof, no reports have been made to this Grand Lodge of the legal constitution of such Lodges; therefore

Resolved, That all Lodges hereafter constituted under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be prohibited from continuing such practice, and that such Lodges should only be constituted and its officers installed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or his proxy duly appointed.

The Committee on Masonic Law then made the following report, which was accepted and adopted :

The Committee on Masonic Law, to whom was referred the communication from St. Albans Lodge, No. 20, asking instruction from the Grand Lodge respecting the propriety of admitting to membership without demit, a brother where there is no proof that the charter of the Lodge from which the brother hails, has been surrendered, would report that they have had the same under consideration, and report that such admission would be contrary to masonic law and usage.

O. D. CONGER,
A. B. CUDWORTH,
Committee.

Bro. W. T. MITCHELL offered the following resolution, which was adopted, after being amended by ordering it to be sent to the subordinate Lodges in the form of a circular :

Resolved, That all Lodges within this jurisdiction are enjoined and prohibited from encouraging, promoting, or permitting the delivery or teaching any masonic lectures, or work which have not been sanctioned and authorized by this Grand Lodge; and all brothers within this jurisdiction, are prohibited from delivering or teaching such lectures to Lodges in this State unless hereafter authorized so to do by this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Bro. MITCHELL, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to procure the printing of the transactions, and such other matter as is customary, and distribute the same as heretofore, having reference in his contract, as well to the price, as to the time of performance.

There being no further business, the communication of the Grand Lodge was closed in harmony in AMPLE FORM, after solemn prayer by the W. and M. Rev. Grand Chaplain.

ATTEST:

[SEAL.]

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jas. Teuton". The signature is written in dark ink and is the central focus of the attestation section.

Grand Secretary.

No.	LOGGERS.	MARTERS.	ADDRESSES.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	Admitted.	No. Mem.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
1	ZION,	G. B. Noble,	Detroit,	13	11	5	1	3	129	\$42 25	Dues remitted.
2	DETROIT,	Oliver Bourke,	Detroit,	21	3	...	...	8	5	2	205	67 00
3	UNION OF S. O.,	John P. Fiske,	Detroit,	6	...	...	5	...	3	2	124	35 75
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY	S. D. Barrett,	Niles,	4	...	...	...	1	2	...	62	16 75
5	ROCHESTER,	J. V. Lamberton,	Rochester,	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...
6	MT. CLEMENS,	W. S. Robinson,	Mt. Clemens,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	4 00
7	WASHINGTON,	A. D. Eldred,	Tekonsha,	2	1	1	...	...	...	1	31	9 00
8	TRENTON,	A. McIlhinney,	Trenton,	4	...	6	...	...	...	...	37	10 75
9	EVERGREEN,	G. L. Cornell,	St. Clair,	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	46	9 25
10	DOWAGIAC,	W. H. Campbell,	Dowagiac,	2	...	1	33	2	1	...	50	13 50	
11	PINE GROVE,	E. W. Harris,	Pt. Huron,	14	8	1	2	68	26 75	Dues remitted.
12	BATTLE CREEK,	Darwin G. Buck,	Battle Creek,	27	5	...	7	...	1	4	119	47 75	
13	PHENIX,	J. G. Brown,	Ypsilanti,	8	2	...	4	...	1	1	91	26 00	
14	MURAT,	F. W. Sheldon,	Albion,	5	...	1	3	5	...	5	53	16 50	
16	LAFAYETTE,	Wm. Sinclair,	Jonesville,	27	...	...	...	6	1	28	101	47 50
17	JACKSON,	Benj. Porter,	Jackson,	15	...	...	...	5	2	3	134	48 00
18	TYRE,	Seaman L. Dart,	Coldwater,	26	2	1	...	6	1	26	150	64 25	
19	ADRIAN,	W. F. King,	Adrian,	18	3	...	...	1	...	...	97	36 75
20	ST. ALBANS,	H. A. Tillotson,	Marshall,	3	...	...	...	6	1	...	78	22 75
21	PONTIAC,	Mark Walton,	Pontiac,	10	9	1	23	2	...	1	83	32 32	
22	KALAMAZOO,	A. T. Metcalf,	Kalamazoo,	9	1	1	...	...	...	6	102	28 00
23	FLINT,	Wm. Clark,	Flint,	5	7	...	1	7	4	4	90	26 75	
24	MT. HERMON,	P. M. Gray,	Centreville,	3	...	...	...	...	...	4	50	17 00
25	PAW PAW,	H. D. Eggleston,	Paw Paw,	5	1	...	...	8	2	4	53	17 00
26	MAXSON,	D. R. Stroud,	Hudson,	20	3	...	...	6	2	3	97	39 15
27	MONROE,	W. W. Prentice,	Monroe,	8	...	...	...	4	...	9	68	23 00

28	UNION,	Edwin Perry,	Union City,	11	8	..	..	7	1	..	50	29
29	HUMANITY,	Frank Mead,	Homer,	2	2	..	1	..	..	2	39	8
30	CONCORD,	A. J. Paddock,	Concord,	4	..	..	..	2	1	5	44	13
31	POSTLAND,	G. F. Lee,	Portland,	4	1	..	..	2	..	..	85	11
32	FIDELITY,	Richard Rowe,	Hillsdale,	5	..	9	..	..	..	3	107	28
33	LANSING,	J. P. Cowles,	Lansing,	19	..	7	6	3	..	..	82	69
34	GRAND RIVER,	L. A. Rogers,	Gr'd Rapids,	20	9	14	4	5	13	..	125	52
35	SLOAM,	Thomas G. Green,	Constantine,	5	3	2	..	2	..	2	88	25
36	LONTA,	Willard B. Wells,	Ionia,	6	6	..	1	..	..	3	63	21
37	LYONS,	H. R. Wagar,	Lyons,	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	57	17
38	HOWELL,	S. F. Hubbell,	Howell,	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	50	18
39	WESTERN STAR,	E. A. Brown,	Berrien,	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	40	9
40	FRANKLIN,	Howard A. Pratt,	Litchfield,	6	4	2	..	..	..	..	28	11
41	ROMEO,	Samuel W. Belles,	Romeo,	8	..	..	..	4	2	..	61	20
42	BIRMINGHAM,	A. Partridge,	Birmingham,	7	..	..	..	4	..	2	69	21
43	ORION,	J. Van Alstine,	Orion,	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	30	7
44	PLYMOUTH ROCK,	Geo. W. Booth,	Plymouth,	4	..	11	..	..	1	5	56	21
45	AUSTIN,	David A. Wright,	Austin,	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	14
46	MERIDIAN SUN,	Homer Dunn,	Sturgis,	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	72	19
47	MICHIGAN,	J. L. Mitchell, M. D.,	Jackson,	14	1	..	..	7	2	..	82	28
48	ALMONT,	D. W. Hallock,	Almont,	6	1	..	..	4	..	..	49	16
49	HASTINGS,	A. P. Drake, M. D.,	Hastings,	7	1	..	..	6	1	..	56	19
50	LAPEER,	R. G. Hart,	Lapeer,	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	46	11
51	BACKUS,	A. Smith,	Cassopolis,	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	55	14
52	OCCIDENTAL,	Warren Chapman,	St. Joseph,	1	..	8	1	2	2	..	66	19
53	THREE RIVERS,	D. W. Bateman,	Three Rivers,	11	2	..	..	2	1	3	92	27
54	PT. HURON,	W. T. Mitchell,	Pt. Huron,	6	..	..	..	4	..	2	75	23
55	CUMAX,	N. Eldred,	Climax,	3	..	..	..	1	3	2	51	13
56	CEDAR,	N. B. Smith,	Clarkston,	10	2	2	..	..	1	..	49	19
57	LEXINGTON,	Arthur M. Clark,	Lexington,	4	9	..	9	2	2	1	90	18
58	S. WARD,	B. S. Horton,	Belle River,	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	13
59	EATON RAPIDS,	James Gallery,	Eaton Rapids,	2	2	..	..	3	3	..	57	15
60	MACOMB,	Albert Lincoln,	Washington,	6	2	37	12
61	WASHINGTON,	G. H. Lyon,	Dexter,	13	1	2	4	55	23

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No.	LODGE.	MASTER.	ADDRESS.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	Admitted.	No. Mem.	Dues Paid.	REMARKS.
66	CAPTAL OF S. O.,	E. E. Beebe,	Lansing,	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	61	18 25	
67	ONTONAGON,	William Condon,	Ontonagon,	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	84	8 00	
68	BUCHANAN,	Charles Clark,	Buchanan,	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	26 50	
69	TECUMSEEH,	Lucius Lilley,	Tecumseh,	7	9	2	2	7	1	10	71	23 50	
70	MASON,	Peter Low,	Mason,	17	4	1	1	7	1	1	54	27 75	
73	COLON,	M. W. Alfred,	Colon,	4	1	1	1	2	1	3	42	13 99	
74	DUNDEE,	H. Watling,	Dundee,	6	2	1	1	2	1	1	39	14 75	
75	UTICA,	Phillip A. Knight,	Utica,	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	35	9 25	
76	LIVINGSTON,	C. W. Haze,	Finckney,	1	6	1	1	3	1	1	55	17 25	
77	SAGINAW,	W. J. Bartow,	East Saginaw,	4	1	1	1	2	1	4	40	13 75	
78	OTSEGO,	O. Eaton,	Otsego,	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	20 50	
79	GERMANIA,	Otto Rooser,	Saginaw City,	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	21	7 75	
80	BYRON,	R. Fox,	Byron,	14	1	1	1	2	1	1	39	19 25	
81	OWOSSO,	E. C. D. Gregory,	Owosso,	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	43	7 83	
82	LAKE ST. CLAIR,	H. G. Blanchard,	N. Baltimore,	5	1	1	1	4	1	5	47	14 95	
83	BELLEVUE,	M. S. Brackett,	Bellevue,	3	1	1	1	4	1	1	32	10 50	
84	OXFORD,	George S. Pierce,	Oxford,	6	2	1	6	4	1	1	33	10 75	
85	ANN ARBOR,	John N. Gott,	Ann Arbor,	7	2	1	7	3	3	5	81	27 00	
86	VALLEY CITY,	W. K. Wheeler,	Gr'd Rapids,	17	1	1	6	1	1	12	93	21 40	
88	BUTLER,	Ambrose Lampman	Butler,	1	3	1	6	1	1	1	22	12 00	
89	MYTLE,	S. P. Hewitt,	Belleville,	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	36	9 75	
90	LOWELL,	Thomas Daniels,	Lowell,	10	1	1	2	7	1	1	55	20 47	
91	ASHLAR,	Reuben Bulman,	Detroit,	15	1	1	2	3	3	3	76	32 95	
92	PRAIRIE,	O. N. Burroughs,	Galesburg,	8	1	1	1	2	1	4	40	16 75	
93	STAR,	F. W. Thompson,	Ossau,	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	38	11 88	
94	CHARITY,	Jos. P. Whiting,	Detroit,	14	1	1	3	5	1	16	66	30 25	

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129	BAY CITY,	A. B. Bradley,	Bay City,	11	...	1	...	4	...	12	38	21 75	
130	STOCKBRIDGE,	Charles G. Cool,	Stockbridge,	10	3	34	15 50	
131	NEWAYGO,	Henry Giddings,	Newaygo,	13	...	...	...	2	1	...	87	21 10	
132	LINDEN,	J. B. Hyatt,	Linden,	15	3	...	...	3	...	15	35	19 25	
133	SALINE,	E. B. Clark,	Saline,	13	...	...	...	7	...	...	36	18 25	
134	HOLLY,	J. E. Davis,	Holly,	11	1	...	...	6	2	16	34	16 25	
135	QUINCY,	Chas. L. Wheeler,	Hancock, L. S.	12	2	...	...	10	...	14	37	20 75	
136	POKAGON,	Calvin Benton,	Pokagon,	6	...	...	...	3	...	...	28	11 14	
137	MENDON,	N. S. Johnson,	Mendon,	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	24	10 75	Also \$30 for charter.
"	MEMPHIS,	L. G. Sperry,	Memphis,	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	18 25	Dispensat'n continued.
"	PORT HOPE,	Chas. B. Cottrell,	Port Hope,	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	6 75	Also \$30 for charter.
"	GRAND HAVEN,	Thos. Lowe,	Grand Haven,	9	...	...	...	1	...	9	21	12 25	Also \$30 for charter.
"	MUSKEGON,	S. C. Stevens,	Muskegon,	16	...	...	...	3	...	...	26	18 00	Also \$30 for charter.
"	MYSTIC,	Darius Monroe,	Bronson,	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9 00	\$20 for bal. of charter.
"	MANCHESTER,	J. B. Gilman,	Manchester,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 00	Just organized.
Totals....				1100	168	28	197	319	112	425	7313	\$2646 05	
17 Special Dispensations.....												85 00	
For Charters, as above.....												140 00	
4 Blue Books.....												1 00	
1 Grand Lodge Certificate.....												50	
Balance of Grand Secretary's account.....												3 25	
Paid Grand Treasurer.....												\$2,875 80	

PAY ROLL—Session of 1863, at Detroit.

No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
1	ZION,	.....	.....	.....	\$3 00	G. B. Noble.
2	DETROIT,	.....	.....	.....	3 00	O. Bourke.
3	UNION OF S. O.	.....	.....	.....	3 00	J. P. Fiske.
4	ST. JOSEPH VALLEY,	191	\$11 46	3 00	13 75	T. G. Beaver.
7	WASHINGTON,	120	7 20	3 00	9 00	A. D. Eldred.
8	TRENTON,	20	1 20	3 00	4 20	A. McIlhinney.
9	EVERGREEN,	56	3 36	3 00	6 36	M. H. Miles.
10	DOWAGIAC,	178	10 68	3 00	13 50	A. W. Alward.
11	PINE GROVE,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	E. W. Harris.
12	BATTLE CREEK,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	D. D. Buck.
13	PHENIX,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	J. G. Brown.
14	MURAT,	97	5 82	3 00	8 82	F. W. Sheldon.
16	LAFAYETTE,	112	6 72	3 00	9 72	W. Sinclair.
17	JACKSON,	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	B. Porter.
18	TYRE,	130	7 80	3 00	10 80	S. L. Dart.
19	ADRIAN,	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	W. F. King.
20	ST. ALBAN'S,	107	6 42	3 00	9 42	H. A. Tillottson.
21	PONTIAC,	26	1 56	3 00	4 56	A. B. Cudworth.
22	KALAMAZOO,	143	8 58	3 00	11 58	A. T. Metcalf.
23	FLINT,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	A. Randall.
24	MT. HERMON,	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	J. Belote.
25	PAW PAW,	164	9 84	3 00	12 84	O. C. Simmons.
26	MAXSON,	90	5 40	3 00	8 40	D. R. Stroud.
27	MONROE,	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	J. R. Grosvenor.
28	UNION,	149	8 58	3 00	11 58	A. B. Aiken.
29	HUMANITY,	107	6 42	3 00	8 25	Vernon Parks.
30	CONCORD,	96	5 76	3 00	8 76	A. J. Paddock.
31	PORTLAND,	136	7 80	3 00	10 80	Ch. A. Peters.
32	FIDELITY,	105	6 30	3 00	9 30	R. Rowe.
33	LANSING,	122	7 32	3 00	10 32	J. P. Cowles.
34	GRAND RIVER,	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	L. A. Rogers.
35	SILAM,	170	10 20	3 00	13 20	T. G. Green.
36	IONIA,	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	G. Hill.
37	LYONS,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	H. R. Wager.
38	HOWELL,	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	S. F. Hubbell.
39	WESTERN STAR,	200	12 00	.....	9 75	E. A. Brown.
40	FRANKLIN,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	H. A. Pratt.
41	ROMEO,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	A. Palmer.
44	BIRMINGHAM,	19	1 14	3 00	4 14	A. Partridge.
46	ORION,	37	2 22	3 00	5 22	J. Van Alstine.
47	PLYMOUTH ROCK,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	G. W. Booth.
48	AUSTIN,	52	3 16	3 00	6 16	D. A. Wright.
49	MERIDIAN SUN,	165	9 90	3 00	12 90	I. F. Packard.
50	MICHIGAN,	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	O. H. McConnel.
51	ALMONT,	48	2 78	3 00	5 78	DeWitt Hallock.
52	HASTINGS,	150	9 00	3 00	12 00	O. P. Drake.
54	LAPEER,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	R. G. Hart.
55	BACKUS,	188	11 28	3 00	14 28	A. Smith.
56	OCCIDENTAL,	216	12 96	3 00	15 96	Wm. Earle.
57	THREE RIVERS,	180	10 80	3 00	13 80	J. W. Hollowell.
58	PORT HURON,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	W. T. Mitchell.

PAY ROLL—Continued.

No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
59	CLIMAX,	132	\$ 7 92	3 00	\$10 92	N. Eldred.
60	CEDAR,	35	2 10	3 00	5 10	N. B. Smith.
61	LEXINGTON,	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	A. M. Clark.
62	S. WARD,	50	3 00	3 00	6 00	D. McCollum.
63	EATON RAPIDS,	102	6 12	3 00	9 12	J. Gallery.
64	MACOMB,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	A. Lincoln.
65	WASHTENAW,	47	2 80	3 00	5 80	G. H. Lyon.
66	CAPITAL OF S. O.	122	7 32	3 00	10 32	E. E. Beebe.
69	TECUMSEH,	85	5 10	3 00	8 10	L. Lilley.
70	MASON,	101	6 06	3 00	9 06	P. Lowe.
73	COLON,	150	9 42	3 00	12 42	M. W. Alfred.
74	DUNDEE,	60	4 08	3 00	7 08	E. Kent.
75	UTICA,	27	1 62	3 00	4 62	W. P. Wells.
76	LIVINGSTON,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	M. F. Darrow.
77	SAGINAW,	105	6 30	3 00	9 30	J. J. Wheeler.
78	OTSEGO,	157	9 42	3 00	12 42	D. M. Hull.
79	GERMANIA,	107	6 42	....	7 75	T. L. Jackson.
80	BYRON,	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	W. Clough.
81	OWOSSO,	85	5 10	....	7 83	M. L. Stewart.
82	LAKE ST. CLAIR,	34	2 04	3 00	5 04	H. G. Blanchard.
84	OXFORD,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	G. Pierce.
85	ANN ARBOR,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	J. M. Gott.
86	VALLEY CITY,	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	F. Letellier.
88	BUTLER,	127	7 62	....	6 25	A. Lampman.
89	MYRTLE,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	A. Robb.
90	LOWELL,	148	8 88	3 00	11 88	B. G. Wilson.
91	ASHLAR,	....	....	....	3 00	R. Bulman.
92	PRAIRIE,	134	8 04	3 00	11 04	D. L. Johnson.
93	STAR,	111	6 66	2 00	8 66	F. W. Thompson
94	CHARITY,	....	....	....	3 00	J. P. Whiting.
95	J. MOORS,	97	5 82	3 00	8 82	T. N. Butler.
96	GREENVILLE,	167	10 02	3 00	5 75	M. Rider.
97	NILES,	191	11 46	3 00	13 50	D. D. Robinson.
98	WATERFORD,	33	1 96	3 00	4 96	F. Bradley.
99	DECATUR,	167	10 02	....	9 50	O. T. Welch.
100	OAKWOOD,	42	2 52	3 00	5 52	L. Fitch.
102	BLANCHARD,	57	3 42	3 00	6 42	J. J. Russell.
103	GREENLY,	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	E. C. Winter.
104	WHITE PIGEON,	161	9 66	3 00	12 66	S. S. Hand.
105	ST. JOHN'S,	100	6 00	3 00	9 00	W. H. Mootē.
106	ST. PETER'S,	203	12 18	3 00	15 18	J. S. Jacks.
107	EUREKA,	50	3 00	2 00	5 00	C. T. Southworth
108	ROCKLAND,	....	....	....	3 00	J. B. Wayne.
109	FENTONVILLE,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	D. H. Baker.
110	HIRAM,	31	1 86	3 00	4 86	W. H. Lawrence
111	ALLEGAN,	168	10 08	....	9 75	A. S. Butler.
112	WAYNE,	18	1 08	3 00	4 08	G. Walker.
113	HAMILTON,	122	7 36	3 00	10 36	V. V. B. Merwin.
114	BLISSFIELD,	32	4 92	3 00	7 92	J. B. Clement.
115	CORUNNA,	77	4 62	3 00	7 62	H. McCurdy.
116	EXCELSIOR,	65	3 90	3 00	6 90	O. R. Dibble.

PAY ROLL—Concluded.

No.	LODGES.	Miles.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.	RECEIVED BY
117	READING,	126	\$ 7 56	2 00	\$ 9 56	A. B. Strong.
118	SCHOOLCRAFT,	160	9 60	3 00	12 60	J. W. Baker.
121	COMMERCE,	37	2 22	3 00	5 22	T. A. Smith.
122	OTTAWA,	175	10 50	....	11 00	J. G. Colgrove.
123	ITHICA,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	E. Peck.
124	EAGLE,	147	8 82	3 00	11 82	O. L. Cowles.
125	FAIRFIELD,	78	4 68	3 00	7 68	F. Grandy.
126	FOREST,	72	4 32	3 00	7 32	O. Dodge.
127	OVID,	90	5 40	3 00	8 40	H. C. Smith.
128	YPSILANTI,	30	1 80	3 00	4 80	J. B. Marvin.
129	BAY CITY,	129	7 26	3 00	10 26	J. S. Judson.
130	STOCKBRIDGE,	74	4 64	2 00	6 64	C. G. Cool.
131	NEWAYGO,	200	12 00	3 00	15 00	A. H. Giddings.
132	LINDEN,	55	3 30	3 00	6 30	J. B. Hyatt.
133	SALINE,	40	2 40	3 00	5 40	E. B. Clark.
134	HOLLY,	55	3 30	3 00	6 30	Milan Perry.
136	POKAGON,	184	11 04	3 00	11 60	C. Benton.
U. D.	MENDON,	180	10 80	....	10 75	N. S. Johnson.
"	MEMPHIS,	42	2 52	3 00	5 52	J. P. Quick.
"	PORT HOPE,	131	7 86	....	6 75	A. J. Mathewson
"	GRAND HAVEN,	188	11 28	....	12 25	T. Lowe.
"	MUSKEGON,	204	12 24	3 00	15 24	S. O. Stevens.
"	MYSTIC,	140	8 40	....	9 00	P. S. Cowles.
"	MANCHESTER,	49	5 94	....	2 00	J. B. Gilman.
GRAND OFFICERS.						
	Grand Master,	26	1 56	3 00	4 56	F. DARROW.
	Deputy Grand Master,	161	9 66	3 00	12 66	J. E. JOHNSON.
	Senior Grand Warden,	...	.....	3 00	3 00	F. CARLISLE.
	Junior Grand Warden,	60	3 60	3 00	6 60	M. AYERS.
	Grand Chaplain,	...	.....	....	25 00	D. B. TRACY.
	Grand Architect,	...	.....	....	3 00	W. BARCLAY.
	Grand Treasurer,	191	11 46	3 00	14 46	R. W. LANDON.
	Grand Visitor and Lect'r,	...	5 10	3 00	8 10	S. BLANCHARD.
	Senior Grand Deacon,	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	G. W. WILSON.
	Junior Grand Deacon,	120	7 20	3 00	10 20	T. H. TRACEY.
	Grand Sword Bearer,	...	.....	....	7 80	R. B. PIPER.
	Grand Pursuivant,	126	7 56	3 00	10 56	E. P. WORDEN.
	Grand Steward and Tyler,	25 00	C. D. HOWARD.
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EXPELLED.

NAMES.	LODGES.		CAUSE.
Ira Burley - - - -	from Washington -	No. 7, for	u. m. c.
L. H. Birt - - - -	" Trenton - - "	8, "	n. p. d.
L. W. Martin - - - -	" - - - "	8, "	"
Christopher Lark - - -	" - - - "	8, "	"
Milton E. Cady, - - -	" - - - "	8, "	"
Samuel H. Chamberlin -	" - - - "	8, "	"
L. A. Dauley - - - -	" - - - "	8, "	"
John E. Cooper - - -	Dowagiac - - "	10, "	u. m. c.
Henry Morton - - - -	Murat - - - "	14, "	gross u. m. c.
W. H. Brown - - - -	Tyre - - - "	18, "	"
Geo. Hart, - - - -	Kalamazoo - - "	22, "	"
Philander Tracy - - -	Grand River - - "	34, "	"
Wm. Webb - - - -	Siloam - - - "	35, "	"
R. T. Morton - - - -	" - - - "	35, "	"
J. W. Holmes - - - -	Capitol, S. O. - - "	66, "	n. p. d.
Edmund P. Adair - - -	Utica - - - "	75, "	"
H. Hovey - - - -	Oxford - - - "	84, "	u. m. c.
J. W. Ridding - - - -	Decatur - - - "	99, "	n. p. d.
Geo. Bennett - - - -	" - - - "	99, "	"
A. E. Dwight - - - -	" - - - "	99, "	"
Enoch Southwell - - -	" - - - "	99, "	"
Eli Rich - - - -	" - - - "	99, "	"
John Gould - - - -	Corunna - - - "	115, "	"
Warren Martillo, non affiliated, - - - -	Ypsilanti - - - "	128, "	gross u. m. c.
Thos. Hargrave, of St. Andrews, 62, Canada -	Bay City - - - "	129, "	gross u. m. c.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES

In Correspondence with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan,

WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

STATES.	GRAND SECRETARIES.	ADDRESS.
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Arkansas - - - -	T. D. Merrick - - - -	Little Rock.
California - - - -	Alex. G. Abell - - - -	San Francisco.
Canada - - - -	Thomas B. Harris - - - -	Hamilton, C. W.
Connecticut - - - -	L. E. Hunt - - - -	Hartford.
Colorado - - - -	O. A. Whittemore - - - -	Parkville.
Delaware - - - -	W. S. Hayes - - - -	Wilmington.
District of Columbia	G. A. Schwarzman - - - -	Washington.
Florida - - - -	John B. Taylor, M. D. - - - -	Tallahassee.
Georgia - - - -	Simri Rose - - - -	Macon.
Illinois - - - -	Harman G. Reynolds - - - -	Springfield.
Indiana - - - -	Francis King - - - -	Indianapolis.
Iowa - - - -	T. S. Parvin - - - -	Iowa City.
Kentucky - - - -	Phillip Swigert - - - -	Frankfort.
Kansas - - - -	E. T. Carr - - - -	Fort Leavenworth.
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Maine - - - -	Ira Berry - - - -	Portland.
Maryland - - - -	Joseph Robinson - - - -	Baltimore.
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New Jersey - - - -	Joseph H. Hough - - - -	Trenton.
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Vermont - - - -	Henry Clark - - - -	Poultney.
Wisconsin - - - -	James B. Kellogg - - - -	Milwaukee.
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Grand Orient of France, Adolphe Perriere - - - -		Paris.

IN MEMORIAM

Col. Horace S. Roberts,

PAST GRAND MASTER.



List of Grand Officers

FOR THE YEAR 1863.

NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

J. EASTMAN JOHNSON, of Centreville, Grand Master.
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A. T. METCALF, of Kalamazoo, Junior Grand Warden.
REV. D. B. TRACY, of Petersburg, Grand Chaplain.
WILLIAM BARCLAY, of Detroit, Grand Architect.
JAMES FENTON, of Detroit, Grand Secretary.
R. W. LANDON, of Niles, Grand Treasurer.
S. BLANCHARD, of Tecumseh, Grand Visitor and Lecturer.
S. F. HUBBELL, of Howell, Senior Grand Deacon.
P. H. TAYLOR, of Ionia, Junior Grand Deacon.
J. P. WHITING, of Detroit, Grand Marshal.
O. BOURKE, of Detroit, Grand Sword Bearer.
HENRY METZ, of Detroit, Grand Pursuivant.
CHARLES D. HOWARD, of Detroit, Grand Steward and Tiler.

The next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of the State of Michigan, will be held on the second Wednesday in January, 1864, at the City of Detroit.

It is indispensable that Secretaries forward the returns of their Lodges before the Session.